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College's offer faces vote Friday

LABOUR DEAL It's decision day for more than 900 Nova Scotia Community College faculty and support staff.

After being briefed on their tentative agreement with the college by the Nova Scotia Teachers Union Tuesday and Wednesday, the 930 staff members in a legal strike position will vote electronically on the new three-year contract Friday. The deal was reached late last weekend.

Metro Halifax was first to report Tuesday that the agreement would see a 2.9 per cent salary increase in the first year, along with one per cent increases for the next two years.

The agreement also includes increasing the current salary grid by one per cent retroactive to Sept. 1, 2008, basically giving the workers a 3.9 per cent increase in the first year.

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Saint Mary's Huskies



Saint Mary's Huskies linemen practise blocking drills at Huskies Stadium on Thursday afternoon. Several thousand fans are expected for Friday's pivotal football game against the St. Francis Xavier X-Men with first place in the Atlantic conference on the line. Game time is 7 p.m. at Huskies Stadium. For more on the big game, see page 21.

Big game

To get a shot or not?

Health officials urge vaccination, but some are wary

ALEX BOUTILIER
for Metro Halifax

Despite warnings from Nova Scotia's chief medical officer that a second wave of swine flu is hitting the province, opinions seem split over getting vaccinated.

On Wednesday, Dr. Robert Strang urged all Nova Scotians to get vaccinated in order to protect themselves against H1N1.

"I think we are on the beginning of our second wave here in Nova Scotia," Strang told reporters at a news conference, citing new cases being diagnosed in the province.

"I'm going to get (the vac-

ination)," said Rachel Sunter, a 22-year-old university student who was working Thursday at a Halifax pub. "I've done a lot of research into it and I feel it's a better option than not."

"It would be a huge shame if I didn't do that and I had to take a month off school in February." The federal government approved the vaccine Wednesday, and vaccinations are expected to begin in Nova Scotia by the middle of next week. High infection risk groups include young chil-

dren, people over 65 with chronic conditions and health-care workers. Working age adults are also susceptible.

But some people remain on the fence, or unconvinced. "I haven't decided," said Drew Brazil, 23. "It seems that they sort of rushed to put it out ...

"I've never had a flu shot in my life, and I've never had the flu either," added

22-year-old Katie Hagan of Halifax. "I just don't feel that I need one."

Health Minister Maureen MacDonald said Thursday the province will be launching a massive PR campaign starting this weekend touting the benefits of the vaccine.

MacDonald admitted 100 per cent vaccination was unlikely. But she wouldn't provide a government estimate on vaccination numbers, or say what would be required to prevent an outbreak.

"I'm not going to speculate on what a good threshold is," she said. "I don't think there's any value of giving a number."

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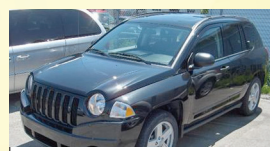


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If you didn't fill up your vehicle Thursday, you'll be paying for it Friday. The regulated price of regular self-serve was expected to go up by between five and six cents when the new price was set at 12:01 a.m. Friday. Gas was selling at stations around the Halifax area Thursday for 98.5 cents. While the price is expected to move over the \$1 mark again, it should remain lower than it was this time last year when gas was going for just under \$1.08.

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Gambling game meeting its end

KENO Nova Scotia's failed attempt at Keno comes to an end this weekend.

The controversial gambling game never made money in the province and last month the government gave a month's notice it was shutting down the whole operation.

That clock struck down Thursday, meaning Keno will be turned off sometime this weekend.

"The whole Keno game is run from the (Atlantic Lotto Corporation) office in Moncton. So at some point, I don't know the precise point, they just flick a switch and the game's over and then the screens go blank," said Finance Minister Graham Steele.

The government announced it is donating all 180 flat-screen TVs used in the game — valued at \$800 each — to schools around the province.

The game came under fire immediately by gambling-awareness groups as being highly addictive. To assuage concerns the governing Tories introduced caps on spending and playing time.

Whether it was the caps or just gambling tastes, the game never caught on.

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Simplifying N.S. finances

Governments can re-borrow debt under coming NDP bill

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It's a small accounting quibble, but it's already caused the downfall of one government and continues to determine what will happen to millions of dollars.

But it's about to end. Nova Scotia had been the only province in Canada to have two definitions of a balanced budget. The NDP will soon make it only one — the one easier to meet.

It started in 2005 when Premier John Hamm snagged a unique deal for \$830 million of offshore money from the federal government. Hamm put the money on the province's massive debt and decreed it should stay that way.

The problem was despite laws already requiring a balanced budget, under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), chunks of the offshore money would show up as revenue on the books for years to come.

So Hamm passed a law that the offshore "revenue" could not be spent.

This spring, when Rodney MacDonald's Tories realized they needed that money to balance their budgets, they tried to change the law. That sparked their defeat in the legislature and subse-

quent exile to third-place party.

But the two definitions of "balanced budget" remained — a looser GAAP one that let governments re-borrow debt, and the stricter rules created by Hamm.

That sparked a bizarre disagreement on last year's budget where the Tories said it was balanced, the Liberals in deficit and the NDP both.

In opposition the NDP attacked the Tories for being disingenuous when they tried to switch to GAAP rules. But as early as next week, the party will pass a bill that, among other things, repeals Hamm's law in favour of GAAP. The NDP says it's about clarity.

"There's one standard that's recognized nationally and we'll be judged by that one standard," Finance Minister Graham Steele said.

The move makes things easier on the NDP. It will need help to meet its promise of balancing the books next year despite stagnant growth and rising costs.



Graham Steele

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Power Lights out



Up to 7,000 people were without power at some point Thursday after a car crashed into a power pole at Lady Hammond Road at MacIntosh Street at 1:17 p.m. The accident broke the pole in two and sent Nova Scotia Power crews to the scene, where repairs were expected to continue into the evening. NSP spokesman David Rodenhiser said most power was restored by 3 p.m., but several hundred homes were expected to remain in the dark until later in the evening. The driver wasn't hurt.

Provincial Liberals back ban on using disputed trust fund

POLITICS Amendments to a bill that ends the Liberal Opposition's use of a controversial \$2.3-million trust fund quickly passed third reading in the Nova Scotia legislature Thursday — with help from a seemingly unlikely source.

The Liberals joined the governing NDP and third-place Conservatives in unanimously endorsing a bill introduced Tuesday that also redrafts the province's rules for political fundraising by banning corporate and union donations.

The amendments to the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act are to go into effect Jan. 1.

After earlier complaints that the New Democrats were looking to "cripple"

his party by attacking its coffers, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil told reporters the decision to vote for the bill was his alone.

"This issue, it needs to be behind us," he said.

The decision cuts off the Liberals from hundreds of thousands of dollars earned from a trust fund that has long been a target of derision by rival parties.

In the 1970s, Liberal fundraisers were prosecuted for raising funds illegally and putting them into trust funds. Party officials eventually had a forensic audit done in the 1990s and had since maintained parts of the fund that may have been inappropriately raised had been removed.

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News in brief

CHILD PORN Twin brothers David Scott Hammond and James Corey Hammond, both 20, were each ordered this week to serve a three-month intermittent sentence and 18 months of probation for downloading Japanese anime images and live images of child pornography.

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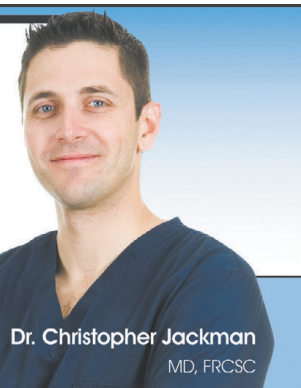
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Two leaders in the aboriginal community in Colchester County have been selected as 2010 Olympic Torchbearers. Chief Lawrence Paul of Millbrook First Nation and Joan Glode, Shubenacadie, will help carry the flame across the country. RBC officials made the announcement at the Glooscap Heritage Centre Thursday morning. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Security tape of struggle shown

Hyde's final minutes aired at inquiry

The final minutes of Howard Hyde's life showing a struggle he had with jail guards moments before he lost consciousness during another tussle were aired Thursday at a public inquiry into the mentally ill Nova Scotia man's death.

Recorded by a series of surveillance cameras inside a provincial jail in November 2007, the footage has an unsettling, surreal quality that makes it sometimes difficult to watch.

At the time, Hyde was under arrest for an alleged assault and was being escorted within the Central Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, on his way to a court appearance.

In the silent video, a corrections officer can be seen raising his arm and pointing five times as he apparently instructs Hyde to walk down the hallway.

At one point, the officer

appears to summon a colleague, corrections officer Renee Jones, who approaches and places her hand on Hyde's back.

"That's when he pulled away, completely and abruptly," Jones told the inquiry. "He was attempting to flee the admitting area."



Howard Hyde

Within seconds, the three are in a struggle and Hyde is forced to the floor and handcuffed behind his back.

The inquiry, which started in July, has heard evidence that Hyde continued to struggle and was again forced to the floor in a nearby cell, where he blacked out and never regained consciousness.

The 45-year-old paranoid schizophrenic died Nov. 22, 2007, about 30 hours after police Tasered him as he tried to escape a downtown Halifax police station.

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Government House Metro frozen in time



Tanya Whynacht, project co-ordinator for the restoration of Government House, and Bill Estabrooks, minister of transportation and infrastructure renewal, place a time capsule above a fireplace at Government House on Thursday. Some of the items included stamps, coins, a Tim Hortons cup and a Metro newspaper. The Government House renovation is nearly complete.

Drawing a line on the ground for climate change

EVENT Haligonians are being asked to turn up for a number of family-oriented events to mark the International Day of Climate Action on Saturday.

At noon, the community group Friends of Halifax Common is inviting the public to help them draw a chalk line around the en-

tire perimeter of the original Halifax Common, which was more than three times the size of the current park. Volunteers can pick up chalk at various points along Robie, South Park and North Park streets.

The festivities will continue with a gathering at 2

p.m. on the Common near the pavilion, which will feature musical performances and an address from Halifax MP Megan Leslie. Participants are being asked to bring a sign with a drawing or a painting of what worries them about climate change.

METRO HALIFAX

Fisheries investigation stays docked

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POLITICS A Liberal attempt to kick off an investigation of the provincial fisheries minister was shot down Thursday by the NDP.

Opposition parties have been hammering away at Sterling Belliveau since it was revealed he sold off his fishing boat, gear and licence for \$600,000 after becoming fisheries minister. The buyer got a loan from a loan board that falls under Belliveau's jurisdiction.

Opposition parties have been making hay out of the optics of a minister indirectly receiving \$600,000 from his own department. Thursday the Liberals floated a resolution to have the conflict of interest commissioner investigate Belliveau.

But the NDP voted against it. They repeatedly pointed out opposition parties have no direct evidence of wrongdoing. They also produced documents showing Belliveau wrote the conflict of interest commissioner disclosing the situation and asking for advice before the sale.

The commissioner told Belliveau to make sure he had nothing to do with the board decision.

The NDP pointed to a clause Thursday saying the commissioner can choose to investigate if there are "reasonable and probable grounds."

Premier Darrell Dexter said he was not going to order an investigation if the commissioner had already deemed there wasn't evidence of wrongdoing to spark an inquiry.

News in brief

CALL CENTRE The Cape Breton Regional Municipality will review its expenditures with Bell Alliant after the phone services company announced the closure of 11 call centres in Atlantic Canada, including one in Sydney. During a regular meeting this week, council agreed to send a letter of protest to Bell and also to review CBRM's money spent with the company. Thirty-eight employees at a call centre located at Pitt and Bentinck streets were told Oct. 15 that their office would be closing in April and there would be no jobs for them. Company officials also said those employees can keep their jobs by relocating to a call centre in Halifax.

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Popular craft fair cancelled this year

The Truro Zonta Club's craft fair, set for Nov. 7 and 8, has been cancelled due to a lack of crafters. The fair has been helping charities for 30 years. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

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Organizers of the Bust a Move for Breast Health fundraising event break into a dance at a press conference at the Metro Centre on Thursday. The event, which will take place on Jan. 30, will include a six-hour fitness routine and an appearance by Richard Simmons.

Fitness guru to set tone for breast cancer event

Richard Simmons shakin' it for January fundraiser

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Hundreds of Nova Scotians will be getting their groove on for a good cause in January, and the undisputed king of short shorts will be on hand to help them shake, shimmy and sweat their way to a world record in the process.

Local organizers of the Bust a Move for Breast Cancer event revealed Thursday fitness guru Richard Simmons will be making his first public appearance in Nova Scotia on Jan. 30 as part of a six-hour exercise extravaganza in support of breast cancer treatment in the province.

"His energy is just going to fill the whole Metro Centre and raise the level of excitement," said event chair Marie Mullally.

Record attempt?

According to a release, the sheer number of people involved will hopefully be enough to smash a couple of world records related to mass-fitness events. Details of the record attempts are being kept under wraps for now, said event chair Marie Mullally, but a judge from Guinness World Records is expected to be on hand during the festivities.

The event, organized by the QEII and IWK Foundations, will also feature fitness instructors from around the Halifax Regional Municipality, who will lead 1,000 participants and hundreds of volunteers in various aerobics classes throughout the day. The fundraiser will rely on pledges collected by the

participants over the next three months.

"We're focusing our fundraising effort on new digital mammography equipment, which is something that will make a huge difference in early detection of cancer," Mullally said. "There is an enormous need to improve the services that we offer to women in this province."

Breast cancer survivor Joan Helson attended Thursday's event launch and said she feels it's important to organize fundraisers that focus on prevention and remain positive in the face of the deadly disease.

"It adds a light-hearted moment to something that's typically not a laughing matter," she said. "You can curl into a little ball, or you can do something ... I've always been a stand and fight kind of girl."

Original Wacky Wheatley's closing

After 34 years in business, Wacky Wheatley's TV and Stereo is closing up shop in Dartmouth for good.

The company made the announcement Thursday, citing tough economic conditions as the main reason behind their decision to shut down operations at the original Wacky Wheatley's location at 122 Main St. The store had six employees.

"The decision to close, while difficult, was inevitable," company president Mike Wheatley said in

Design centre open

Wacky's Flooring and Design Centre will also remain unaffected by the closure. The Wheatley family sold their interest in the flooring business in 2007.

a release. "We thank all our customers in Dartmouth and (surrounding areas)."

It's the latest in a string of closures for the family-owned company, which at one point managed eight stores throughout the At-

lantic Provinces. Locations in New Minas and Truro and St. John's, N.L., have all folded in the past year.

"They're all difficult, but there is a certain nostalgia attached to the original," vice-president of operations Bob Wheatley told Metro Thursday afternoon. "It's pretty tough."

Wheatley said the stores in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island continue to turn a profit, and the Wacky's in Bayer's Lake will also remain open.

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Mount St. Vincent to honour two women

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Dogs Enjoying a ride

Terry Ann Brideau and Mary Martin take their three white Pekingese dogs — Heart's Delight, Lionheart and Brightstar — for a stroll down Agricola Street on Thursday. The dogs are all 12 or older and get tired easily so they get a carriage ride when they go for a walk.

Airport's impact on economy grew by \$41M last year: Study

STANFIELD The impact of Halifax's Stanfield International Airport on Nova Scotia's economy grew by roughly \$41 million last year, according to a study conducted by Chris Lowe Group Planning and Management.

The report, released yesterday, totalled the airport's contribution to the provincial economy as more than \$1.27 billion in 2008.

"Together, all our airport businesses have quite an impact on the municipality and the province as

an economic generator and growth enabler," said Tom Ruth, president and CEO of Halifax International Airport Authority, in a release.

"Even during challenging economic times, the results of this study demonstrate the important role the airport plays as an employer and contributor to the Nova Scotia economy."

Ruth cited the airport's role in the tourism industry as one of the major factors behind the numbers.

METRO HALIFAX**Fire festival hits Dartmouth**

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The Halifax Regional Municipality has decided to set Dartmouth on fire this weekend.

The Fall Festival of Fire, a new annual event from the municipality, will take place on Saturday at Alderney Landing. The festival will feature the first fire sculpture seen in Atlantic Canada — a sculpture of a wildflower from San Francisco's Charles A. Gadeken.

Gadeken, who has travelled the world with his

"The sculpture is something that has never been seen in the Atlantic provinces, there's going to be a lot of visuals that will shock some people that night."

Billy Comer, HRM civic events department

fire art, said the sculpture will not be soon forgotten.

"I'm beyond excited to bring fire art to Canada," he said in a HRM release. "This is a truly original piece that will be remembered for years to come."

"The piece ... will end up igniting in an eight-foot flame with almost like a tornado effect out of

the top of the flame," said Billy Comer of the municipality's civic events department. "The sculpture is something that has never been seen in the Atlantic provinces, there's going to be a lot of visuals that will shock some people that night."

In addition to the fire sculpture, a projection art

piece will light up one side of Alderney Landing, with multi-hued flames dancing on the canvas. "The building ... will turn into an 120-foot wide, 60 to 70-foot high projection piece," Comer said.

The festival will also feature a number of Halloween-themed activities, including a haunted house and a costume contest, with \$2,000 in prizes. Comer said the night will finish with a fireworks display; "a great end to any night."

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Four men and one woman have been arrested and are facing drug charges following raids Tuesday night at three residences on Prince Street, Curtis Drive and Burnyeat Street. Truro police say cocaine and cash were seized. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Ignatieff stumps for Burrows

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff said the party has the recipe to turn a traditional Conservative stronghold red again.

The federal leader was in Truro Thursday campaigning with dairy farmer Jim Burrows, who is looking to replace Independent MP

Bill Casey as the member of Parliament for Cumberland Colchester Musquodoboit Valley.

Ignatieff was asked how the party planned to bring about the change needed to elect a Liberal for the first time since 1993 when Dianne Brushett started

her four-year term.

"You have to have a great candidate. You have to have a man who knows Nova Scotia agriculture like the back of his hand," Ignatieff said.

The party is also hoping to cash in on the backlash that followed Casey's ex-

pulsion from the Conservative caucus in 2007 for voting against the party's budget.

"There's a lot of anger at Stephen Harper in this riding, probably more than any other place in the country," Ignatieff said.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Fundraiser Mayor, be prepared



Mayor Peter Kelly leads Tyler Robertson, 10, around his office as they hit up the mayor's staff for donations on Thursday. Apple Day is one of the main fundraising events for Scouts Canada and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be out in full force handing out apples and accepting donations Friday and Saturday.

Cattle farmers to discuss survival

BEEF The future of the beef industry in Nova Scotia could be at stake when farmers gather in Truro Friday for discussions on where their beleaguered industry is going.

"We have come to the point where we're not willing to participate in a long-term strategy unless they look at the short term," Collingwood beef farmer and Nova Scotia Cattle Producers Association director Kurt Sherman said.

The meeting will discuss plans for the industry's continued survival as well as recovery and areas of potential growth.

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Canada



PM's no fan of Canadian news

What to make of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's declaration that he doesn't watch Canadian news? This is what Harper told a Toronto business audience Wednesday: "I watched the last several elections in the United States very closely. The fact that I tend to watch mainly American news, because I, I, I don't like to watch Canadian news and hear what Allan (Gregg, a pollster and CBC pundit who was in the audience) and everybody else is saying about me, so my hobby is to watch politics elsewhere."

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News in brief

LANGUAGE Canada's top court struck down a Quebec language law limiting immigrants' access to English school in a politically charged decision that quickly reverberated throughout the province Thursday. It only took minutes for the Quebec government to respond with a promise to replace the law. The province's separatist opposition even questioned the legitimacy of the Supreme Court of Canada, asking how "a court named by another nation" could possibly be allowed to dictate language policy.

POLYGAMY The B.C. government will ask the B.C. Supreme Court to weigh in on the country's polygamy laws. B.C. Attorney General Mike de Jong says Canadians and the justice system need clarity about whether the federal law barring multiple marriages is constitutional. The government decided to seek the B.C. Supreme Court opinion rather than appeal an earlier ruling. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Toronto PETA power



Canadian starlet and animal rights activist Pamela Anderson put her star power to work hosting an intimate and exclusive gathering Thursday in support of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) at the trendy Ultra club in Toronto.

Pulling troops won't end war: Top soldier

Don't trust government's lies, says Gen. Hillier

Pulling Canadian soldiers from Afghanistan in 2011 will leave a gaping hole in security efforts and won't necessarily ensure the end of combat operations, former chief of defence staff Gen. Rick Hillier says.

As MPs prepare to debate the future of the country's military mission in Afghanistan, Hillier delivered some plain-spoken advice in an interview: don't trust the twisted rhetoric and outright lies that will surely be delivered by the Conservative government or opposition parties.

There will still be a need for security and counter-insurgency operations when Canada's current mandate expires in 2011, he said. If

Reprisal

The Conservative government looked at the possibility of taking day-to-day control of the mission in Kandahar away from the military and giving the authority to direct troops in the field to Canada's ambassador.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

experienced Canadian troops leave Kandahar, some other nation, likely less familiar with the local terrain and power brokers, will have to do the job.

Hillier also said there's no need for Canadian troops, except in Kandahar or the northeast, and there's no way Canada can

carry out a goodwill mission without encountering frequent violence.

"If you stay in the south and try to do something like training, you will still be in combat. I don't care what (political) staffers say in the media about how they can find a way to do it. You simply will not. You will be in combat," Hillier said.

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Missionary faces sex charges

Authorities in the Dominican Republic have arrested a Canadian missionary on charges of sexually abusing teenage boys, a report says

The report in the online edition of the Dominican newspaper Hoy says Joao Jose Correia Duarte is a Portuguese-born orphanage administrator.

He was arrested Tuesday at a hotel in the resort city of Puerto Plata.

The report says he faces 12 sexual assault charges relating to the alleged abuse of teenage boys in neighbouring Haiti.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs would only confirm a Canadian citizen has been arrested

and it released no other details.

Rolando Rosado Mateo, national drug control agency chief in the Dominican, says Duarte began working in Haiti in 1995.

He was arrested under a Canadian warrant and was to be extradited to Canada.

Authorities have arrested a number of men in recent years accused of taking advantage of the deep poverty in Haiti to abuse children.

The report in the Dominican newspaper says Duarte was also known as John.

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Dubya dodges Montreal dustup

PROTEST As George W. Bush joked with a business crowd inside a Montreal hotel ballroom Thursday, hundreds of people outside cheered while he was being burned in effigy.

Police in riot gear and others on horseback held back a crowd of hundreds, including several people who tossed shoes at the Queen Elizabeth hotel in a demonstration of disdain for the former U.S. president speaking inside.

Two protesters who tried

forcing their way through the line of shield- and baton-carrying police were wrestled to the ground, and arrested.

Chants of "George Bush terrorist" echoed in the street as some of the 300 protesters said they refused to accept that Canada would roll out the red carpet for a man they called a war criminal.

Inside the hotel, nearly 1,000 spectators paid \$400 to hear Bush speak.

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All aboard the Tory train

PROMOTION Some Toronto-area commuters were to be taken for a ride Friday by the Economic Action Plan express. The Tory government has spent more than \$46,000 to turn two

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Wary of H1N1 vaccine

Some aboriginals opting to rely on traditional medicine

Cases of swine flu vaccine are being rushed to Manitoba's hardest-hit reserves, but a grand chief says some aboriginals won't participate in Canada's largest immunization campaign.

David Harper, who represents Manitoba's northern First Nations, said some feel the H1N1 vaccine has been pushed through too quickly, while

"There are some that are reluctant."

David Harper

others prefer to rely on traditional medicine.

"There are some that are reluctant," he said Thursday. "They need more information ... There are some that are steadily going toward traditional

medicine. There are certain medicines that can help you, that will not stop it, but ... will strengthen your immune system."

Reluctance to get the vaccine concerns health officials who say Manitoba's aboriginals are among the most vulnerable to the virus and are most at risk of developing serious complications if infected.

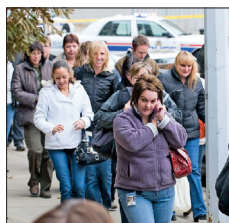
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Stelmach calls for security review

STANDOFF As police charged a man accused of taking nine hostages at the Workers' Compensation Board in Edmonton, people were questioning how someone with a rifle managed to get inside a building protected by a security system and guards.

Patrick Charles Clayton, 38, was arrested Wednesday night after a 10-hour police standoff that forced the evacuation of more than 700 people in the city's downtown core.

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach praised officers for peacefully resolving the potentially deadly stand-



People are evacuated from the Workers' Compensation Board building in Edmonton Wednesday.

off but said his government will review how such a hostage taking could happen.

"As a result of this we will of course further dis-

cuss how we can improve security," Stelmach said Thursday.

Police said around 8:30 a.m. he walked into the building with a high-powered rifle and many rounds of ammunition and fired a single shot into a cinder block wall.

Clayton has been charged with unlawful confinement, pointing a firearm, possession of an offensive weapon dangerous to the public, careless use of a firearm and the use of a firearm during the commission of an offence. He is to appear in court on Friday.

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News in brief

MIGRANTS Members of a Toronto-based human rights group say 76 Sri Lankans detained after they arrived off the B.C. coast in a rusty

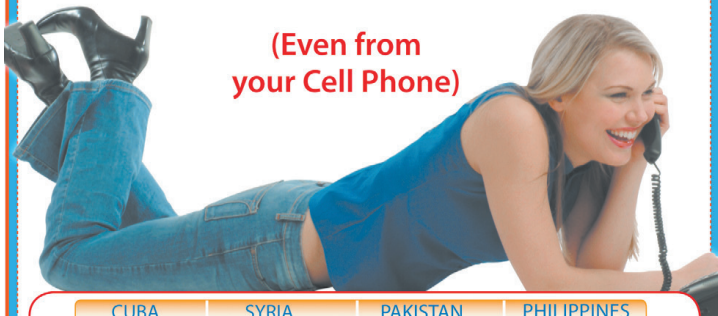
freighter are entitled by law to timely refugee hearings. Todd Ross of Canadian Human Rights Voice says members of the group have come to Van-

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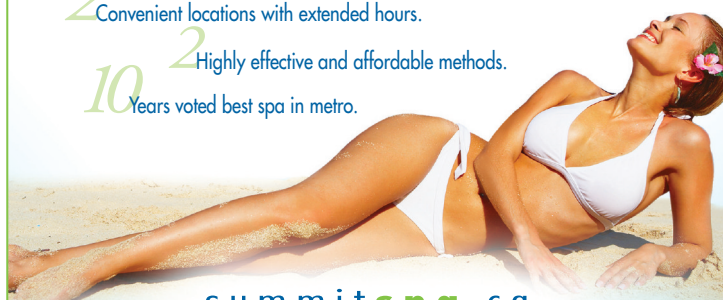
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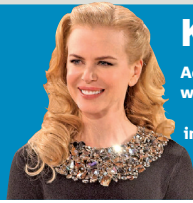
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Artifact may be world's earliest bill of rights

World



Kidman: Hollywood not helping

Actress Nicole Kidman testified before a U.S. congressional panel on violence against women this week, conceding that Hollywood probably has contributed to the problem by portraying women as weak sex objects. Kidman testified before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee that is considering legislation to deal with violence against women overseas through humanitarian relief efforts and grants to local organizations working on the problem. "I can't be responsible for all of Hollywood," Kidman said. "But I can certainly be responsible for my own career." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S., Canada differ on web law

INTERNET U.S. federal regulators have taken an important step toward prohibiting broadband providers from discriminating against certain kinds of Internet traffic, in a move that came just a day after Canadian regulators decided to allow the practice known as throttling. The CRTC announced Wednesday that it would continue to allow Canada's big telecommunications firms to restrict traffic on their Internet networks — but under new rules.

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Outraged women go after Berlusconi

More than 100,000 women have signed a petition saying they are offended by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi — an initiative launched by a newspaper after the premier made a sexist remark to an opposition politician.

Berlusconi, already under fire for his dalliances with young ladies, made the jab during a call in to a late-night talk show Oct. 7 that featured, among other guests, Rosy Bindi, a 58-year-old former minister who dresses conservatively, wears glasses and has short, grey hair.

"You are always more beautiful than intelligent," Berlusconi told her.

She snapped back: "I'm not not one of the women at

Petition

• "This man offends us. Stop him," reads the petition, which has been signed by well-known Italian artists, musicians and television personalities, as well as ordinary Italians.

your disposal."

Berlusconi's remark sparked outrage, and prompted three prominent Italian intellectuals to draft a feminist manifesto of sorts, stating that Berlusconi uses women's bodies for his political ends, denigrating women and democracy in the process.

Berlusconi's scandal began earlier this year when

his wife announced she was divorcing him, citing his presence at the birthday party of an 18-year-old model and his decision to run former showgirls as candidates for European Parliament elections.

In the aftermath several women, including a prostitute, came forward with stories that they had been paid by a Berlusconi associate to attend parties at the premier's homes.

Berlusconi has denied ever paying anyone for sex and denounced what he says is a media campaign to smear him. He has acknowledged, however, he is "no saint" and loves beautiful women, but insists Italians want him that way. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

London Protesters breach BBC



Anti-fascist demonstrators chant outside the BBC studios Thursday, where whites-only British National Party leader Nick Griffin appeared on a national TV show. About 25 protesters broke through police barricades and entered the building's lobby.

News in brief

FRANCE A French prosecutor says newly discovered traces of DNA could revive hope of solving the notorious 1984 slaying of a four-year-old boy. Gregory Villemin drowned 25 years ago

in a river, his hands and feet bound with rope.

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Authorities arrest 74 in L.A. gang sweep

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Militants dig in

110,000 flee region as Pakistan continues offensive

Residents fleeing a six-day-old Pakistani army offensive in a Taliban strong-hold along the Afghan border reported Thursday that the insurgents are digging in for a fight and travel the roads freely.

Tired and dusty refugees arriving in the northwestern town of Dera Ismail Khan from different parts of South Waziristan reported intense army bombing by jets and helicopters but said they had seen no ground troops.

The accounts by a dozen refugees to Associated Press reporters are a sign of just how much fighting remains before the military can even hope to clear the area, which in recent years has become a major global hub for al-Qaida and other extremist groups who carry out attacks against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Over the last 20 days, militants have killed more than 170 people in a series of suicide bombings and raids on targets across the country.



A girl and her dog look out from a truck as they flee the military offensive in South Waziristan on Thursday.

In the latest attack, suspected insurgents on a motorbike fatally shot a senior army officer and a soldier Thursday in the capital, Islamabad.

The United Nations says 110,000 people have fled South Waziristan in recent months as speculation rose of an army offensive, about 30,000 of them in the last few days. Most are staying with relatives or in rented homes in Dera Ismail Khan and nearby districts.

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Earthquake

- A magnitude 6.2 earthquake centred in the Hindu Kush mountains shook a wide area of eastern Afghanistan and Pakistan early Friday, swaying buildings in the Afghan and Pakistani capitals. There were no initial reports of damage or casualties from the quake, however it was centred in a remote area where communications are poor.

News in brief

FLU A poll suggests most Americans don't plan to get inoculated against the H1N1 flu even as the virus spreads

across the U.S. and hundreds of schools close. The Washington Post/ABC News survey suggests about six in 10 said they

have no plans to get vaccinated, and only 52 per cent of parents would get their children the vaccine. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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A pharmacist testified yesterday that he refused to provide drugs prescribed to Anna Nicole Smith, telling a doctor the prescriptions would be "pharmaceutical suicide" for the former Playboy model. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

CLIMATE Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said yesterday that the world's poor nations will not sacrifice their development in negotiations for a new climate change deal. The issue of how to share the

burden of fighting global warming has divided the developing and industrialized worlds as they prepare to negotiate a replacement to the 1997 Kyoto Protocol at a December summit in

Copenhagen. "Developing countries cannot and will not compromise on development," Singh told a conference on technology and climate change.

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Migrant ships caught

Australia stops 2 asylum-seeker boats in 24 hrs

Australian authorities have intercepted two boats of asylum seekers in less than 24 hours, prompting the opposition leader yesterday to accuse the government of a "catastrophic failure" to stop the influx of migrants.

The latest boat, with 32 people on board, was stopped early yesterday, seven nautical miles off an

35 The number of boats carrying about 1,700 asylum seekers that have arrived in Australia this year, mostly from Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Sri Lanka

island near Indonesia, the Home Affairs Minister said in a statement.

A boat with 22 passen-

gers and two crew was intercepted Wednesday afternoon near Ashmore Island, off northwestern Australia, an earlier statement said. Passengers of both boats are being taken to the Christmas Island detention centre for health and security checks and to determine their reasons for travel.

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Church changes remain a mystery

CHURCH It is not yet known what part of the Anglicans' liturgy and rites will be incorporated into Catholic worship under the surprise offer made earlier this week in a bold bid by Pope Benedict XVI to capitalize on sharp divisions within the Anglican community over the proper role of women clergy and the acceptability of openly gay priests. Nor is it clear how many Anglicans will seek to switch churches because of the pope's new policy.

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Philippines Wood blocks



Filipino women hold a line of men using wood during the distribution of relief goods in a Manila, Philippines suburb Thursday. The World Health Organization has deployed an emergency team to help the country deal with a deadly outbreak of a flood-borne bacterial disease.

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Comment

Hymens: Made in China

Egypt hot and bothered over device that fakes female virginity

GlobalView

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Proving one more time that when it comes to Muslim women, it's about headscarves and hysteresis — in other words, what's on our heads and what's between our legs — Egypt is hot and bothered over a Chinese device that fakes female virginity.

It's reportedly available in Syria for \$15 but nobody knows if the gizmo called Gigimo is on sale in Egypt yet. Just the mere thought of a device, which is said to release liquid imitating blood, allowing a woman to fake virginity on her wedding night, has driven some

conservatives crazy.

One Egyptian Muslim scholar even went so far as to say that people caught

importing the virginity-faking device into the country should face the death penalty and the Muslim Brotherhood, the largest opposition bloc in parliament, want the kit banned on grounds it will encourage promiscuity.

The conservatives are not content that their ideology has put headscarves on the heads of 80 per cent of Egyptian women. Now it's the horror of uncertainty about that "good girl" they marry.

With all the troubles Egypt faces these days —

spiralling cost of living, a president in power for 28 years whose son looks likely to succeed him, etc. — why

all the fuss over hymens, real or fake?

Welcome to the hypocrisy and denial that together drum at the heart of conservative religious views on women and chastity. And in the case of Egypt, that conservatism applies

equally to Muslims and Christians.

As a Muslim, I know the Qur'an preaches chastity for men and women, but the conservative obsession with women means only females are expected to abide by the prohibition on extramarital sex. This obsession

with virginity is shallow at best and deadly at worst.

And it's built on a lie — people in Egypt are having sex outside of marriage, as they do everywhere. Hymen reconstruction surgery was an option for sexually active women who could afford it. In less affluent and more rural areas, women have used body parts of animals for blood on the sheets. Now the Gigimo provides a cheaper, cleaner and non-surgical prop to maintain the lie that many men still want to believe.

Truth be told, it's unlikely Egyptian women will flock to the Gigimo. But it's been worth it just to watch male hysteria as the made-in-China hymens threatened to smash their virginity god.

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"The conservative obsession with women means only females are expected to abide by the prohibition on extramarital sex. This obsession with virginity is shallow at best and deadly at worst."

Views

Liberals flushed out of trust fund money

UrbanCompass

Stephen Kimber

Pity Stephen McNeil. The NDP is stopping his Liberals from continuing to tap a tainted \$2.37-million party trust fund to pay its bills.

"The motive ... is political," McNeil complained after the government introduced the bill this week, adding plaintively: "You'd have to ask them why they would specifically go after us."

Uh ... no, I don't have to ask the government, Mr. McNeil.

I know why. So do you. And all I can say is, it's

about time.

For decades, provincial governments would fatten their party coffers with money raised by a practice known as "tollgating."

If you were a business and wanted to sell to the province, you had to fork over a kickback to the party-in-power's bagman for the privilege.

The Tories and Liberals raked in millions as a result. In the 1980s, when the Mounties investigated the fundraising practices of Gerald Regan's Liberal government, they discovered it had raised more than \$4 million illegally during its eight years in office.

The Mounties filed influence-peddling charges against three senior Liberal bagmen, including one known as "Suitcase" Simpson for his suitcases of cash. One pleaded guilty. Two

others were convicted at their 1984 trial, though one appealed and his conviction was overturned on a technicality. He was later acquitted at a retrial.

The Mounties tried to investigate the fundraising practices of provincial Tory governments, too, but — as an investigator testified during the Liberals' trial — Tory fundraisers had burned their records before the police could seize them. The Mounties found only one intact file, which indicated the same kickback pattern the Liberals had employed.

Despite the odour, the Liberals continued to use their dirty money, including to underwrite a secret salary for their leader. Eventually, when the stench got too bad, the party reluctantly agreed to audit the controversial funds and turn over any tainted money to

the province.

But thanks to the usual political jiggery-pokery, the audit wasn't an audit. The party claimed only \$1.3 million worth of the money was "proven or alleged to have been obtained" through kickbacks. They kept the rest. And still use it to give the party an unfair advantage over its rivals.

In opposition, the NDP filibustered a 2006 Tory-Liberal campaign finance reform bill because it failed to deal with this trust fund issue. So it's no surprise the NDP is now using its majority to finally flush the system.

The only surprise is McNeil isn't smart enough to simply say thank you and get on with rebuilding his party. Pity.

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Online chatter

Asked on Twitter: Are you getting an H1N1 shot? Why or why not?

IN HALIFAX

@meegiemoo: Yes because it's important to protect public safety.

@Webconomist: no flu shot here. 4K CDNS die from regular flu, yet H1N1 kills less than 1% of that. H1N1 is overhyped methinks.

IN CALGARY

@cyrusrayne: I'm getting



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one because as much as the vaccine is so new, concern over the virus is undeniable. #h1n1

@comodisc: I am, I haven't had a shot in years, this flu seems vicious, and I work with the public daily = high risk

Worth mentioning

Norwegians now know neighbours' income

It's the moment nosy neighbours have been waiting for — the release of official records showing the annual income and overall wealth of nearly every Norwegian taxpayer.

In a move that would be unthinkable in most countries, tax authorities in left-leaning Norway have issued the "skatteliste," or "tax list," for 2008 to domestic media under a law designed to safeguard the country's tradition of transparency.

The annual list includes

data about fishermen on the western fjords, Sami reindeer herders in the north, city folk in Oslo and even members of the committee that awarded U.S. President Barack Obama the Nobel Peace Prize.

To non-Scandinavians, it appears to be a gross violation of privacy. At home, it has stirred up a media frenzy, with splashy headlines revealing who is oil-rich Norway's wealthiest man, woman and celebrity couple.

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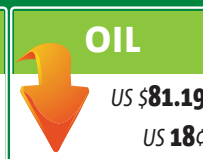
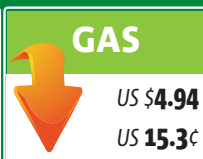
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CRA has its eye on eBay vendors

The Canada Revenue Agency is stepping up its efforts to track down eBay merchants who haven't paid taxes on their earnings, CBC News Online reports. To date, only 50 Canadian eBay merchants have come forward to pay their back taxes since July. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Business



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Savings could be sliding: Poll

FINANCES When it comes to how well Canadians are handling their cash these days, the consensus isn't all that clear.

An Ipsos Reid poll suggests many Canadians are letting their saving habits slide. The poll found one-third of the people who responded said they were saving less than they have in the past, with only one-in-five saying they were putting more away. The poll suggests residents of Ontario and B.C. top the list of those saving less, while 70 per cent of Canadians find reaching a savings goal a major challenge.

On the other hand, a survey of about 1,200 people done for Sun Life found that 60 per cent had reduced their debt.

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Loonie too strong: BoC

The stubbornly strong loonie is the major impediment to the Canadian economy rebounding more strongly from the recent deep recession, says Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney.

In a new warning, the bank governor says Canada would experience stronger recovery next year and in 2011 if the loonie had stayed at the 87-cent level the bank envisioned during the summer.

Carney said Thursday that's why the bank made it clear this week that it will keep interest rates at the historic low of 0.25 per cent until at least next July.

Carney said the central bank has several tools at its disposal, including intervention in the currency market, but didn't specify which would be put to use. "Intervention is always



Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney speaks at a news conference in Ottawa Thursday.

an option," he said.

"Markets should take seriously our determination to set policy to achieve the inflation target. Markets sometimes lose their focus. We don't lose our fo-

cus."

The loonie closed at 95.44 cents US on Thursday, but many expect it to hit parity with the greenback in the next few months. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Business in brief

SALES Retail rose 0.8 per cent in August to \$34.5 billion, thanks to high sales at gas stations and car dealers, offsetting July's losses. Statistics Canada said the auto sector rose 2.4 per cent overall. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Hyundai, South Korea's largest automaker, said third-quarter net profit more than tripled to a record high. Hyundai said Thursday that it earned \$827.3 million US in the three months ended Sept. 30. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NY Times narrows 3Q losses

The New York Times Co. narrowed its losses in the most recent quarter, though the company showed only moderate signs of improvement in advertising.

The publisher of The New York Times, The Boston Globe, The International Herald-Tribune and

15 other daily newspapers said Thursday it would have made money if not for hefty one-time charges. Times Co. shares jumped 90 cents, or 10 per cent, to \$9.65 in premarket trading.

Times Co. CEO Janet Robinson pointed to "encouraging signs of improvement in the overall

economy and in discussions with our advertisers." She said print ad trends during the third quarter "improved modestly," while digital ads got more of a boost.

The Times Co. sustained a 27 per cent drop in ad revenue from July through September. While that was

an improvement over last quarter's 30 per cent decline, year-over-year comparisons are getting easier because ad sales were already falling off by this time in 2008. Internet ad revenue fell eight per cent, compared with a 16 per cent decline the quarter before. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

Arizona Microsoft, IRL



Customers Donna Witulski, left, and Vickie Youseff, centre, ask questions of Microsoft's newly released operating system, Windows 7, to store employee James Vallejo, right, during the grand opening of Microsoft's first-ever retail store Thursday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

MySpace to launch new iLike music video service

INTERNET Social-networking site MySpace is using its joint venture with recording companies to launch a music video service that will pop into millions of profiles at rival Facebook as well.

Starting Wednesday, music videos that MySpace has licensed for its site will run as well on the iLike music recommendation application, which the News Corp. unit acquired this month for \$20 million.

The videos also will have a dedicated MySpace Music Videos page and be featured more prominently on artist pages and in search results on both MySpace and on a Google music search service set to launch next week.

Music videos have always been a part of MySpace. With the new service, MySpace-branded ones will also be playable inside iLike applications embedded on competing social networking sites such as Facebook, Bebo, Orkut and hi5. They will replace videos that iLike used to get from Google Inc.'s YouTube. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Business in brief

AUTO Spain's industry minister says Magna International Inc. and union leaders have reached an agreement over planned job cuts at an Opel plant in Spain. Miguel Sebastian says Magna has agreed to reduce from 1,350 to 900 the number of jobs it will eliminate at the Opel car factory near Zaragoza as part of its planned takeover of Opel from General Motors.

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Konchalski approaching coaching record

St. Francis Xavier X-Men basketball coach Steve Konchalski is three wins away from surpassing the Canadian Interuniversity Sport record for career victories held by Brandon's Jerry Hemmings. He has a record of 732-396. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports



Kirkpatrick selected to Super Series

Former Dartmouth Subways forward Michael Kirkpatrick, left, was among 28 players named to the QMJHL roster for the Subway Super Series against Russia on Nov. 16 and 18. The Saint John Sea Dog has two goals and 10 assists in 14 games. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Huskies turning up the heat

First place and bye to the Loney Bowl on the line as Saint Mary's takes on X-Men

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Jack Creighton has been near-perfect lately. He'll need more of that and then some on Friday night.

The sophomore quarterback has his Saint Mary's Huskies on a five-game winning streak — throwing just one interception and 10 touchdown passes in the process — heading into a huge Atlantic University Sport football matchup with the St. Francis Xavier X-Men at 7 p.m. at Huskies Stadium.

With first place and a bye to the Loney Bowl on the line, Creighton is hoping to keep things rolling and put an opening-weekend turnover-fest behind him. He tossed four interceptions and no TDs in a 24-19 road loss to the X-Men on Sept. 12.

"I want to protect the ball a little more than the last time we played them," said the 6-foot-4 sophomore from Ottawa. "Four interceptions ... I need to sit in the pocket a little bit more, be a little bit more patient, and pick 'em apart."

The X-Men have intercepted opponents 14 times in six games, first in the AUS and second in the nation. Their ability to pick



Saint Mary's quarterback Jack Creighton throws a pass during practice at Huskies Stadium on Thursday.

off Creighton in Week 1 overshadowed the fact the Huskies actually outgained them offensively by 164 yards.

Huskies head coach Steve Sumarah said his team didn't "rise to the occasion" in Week 1, while the phrase "wake up call" has been bandied about in

reference to the loss.

"We maybe thought we were better than we actually were at the time," said veteran receiver Carl Hardwick. "That next week in practice, everyone was humbled and we all had to look in the mirror and say, 'How good are we?' We had a great week in prac-

tice and have been rolling ever since."

Creighton said there is "plenty of bad blood" between the two teams, a product of the Huskies beating the X-Men in back-to-back meetings in the Loney Bowl. The bottom line is, it's two evenly-

ranked teams with 5-1 records meeting in as big a regular-season game as you can get.

"You can feel it in the air," Sumarah said. "It's becoming playoff time. Everything really matters and guys are starting to respond and recognize it's time to turn up the heat."

X-Men look to improve on already strong start

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ATLANTIC FOOTBALL The St. Francis Xavier X-Men were happy they beat the Saint Mary's Huskies back in Week 1.

But after reviewing the game tape, they aren't impressed with how they did it.

"Not very well," said X-Men running back James Green, when asked how he thought his team played in Week 1.

"We had a lot of new guys and a new offence ... We got the job done, but in the end we weren't satisfied with how we played."



James Green

The X-Men, who opened the Atlantic University Sport football season on a five-game winning streak before losing at home on Saturday to the Bishop's Gaeters, say they need to be better when they visit the Huskies on Friday at 7 p.m.

The Huskies have beaten the X-Men 13 straight times at Huskies Stadium since 2001.

The X-Men's only victories in that stretch — five of them — came in Antigonish.

If the X-Men want to win their first AUS title since 1996, beating the Huskies on their own turf will be key.

"I expect a big crowd," said Green, a Halifax native.

"It's always fun to go to Halifax to play a night game. We haven't won there) but hopefully this time around will be different."

Cheremetiev likely off to join Bathurst Titan

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HOCKEY Yuri Cheremetiev appears headed to the Bathurst Titan.

The Halifax Mooseheads have reached a tentative agreement to deal the 20-year-old forward to the Titan for a third-round pick. The move could be announced as early as Friday.

Cheremetiev, who spent five seasons with the Mooseheads and sits fifth on the franchise's career games played list with 243, is not expected to be in the Titan lineup when the Mooseheads visit Bathurst on Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

The Stoughton, Mass., native co-led the Mooseheads in scoring last season with 49 points in 65 games.

It was anticipated he would be an offensive leader for the Mooseheads this season, but he had a slow start with just seven points in 14 games.

Cheremetiev has often found himself in the doghouse of head coach and general manager Cam Russell and could benefit from a change of scenery. At the very least, he goes from a team with one win in 15 games to the Titan, who are 6-6-3.

The Mooseheads, 1-13-1, host the Saint John Sea Dogs on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Junior A Lumberjacks tame the Lions



Bridgewater Lumberjacks players Jake Lewis, 8, tries to slide the puck past Halifax Lions goalie Kody Blois during the first period of Thursday night's Maritime Junior A Hockey League game at the Halifax Forum. The Lumberjacks topped the Lions 3-2.

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Olympics Torch begins journey



Greek actress Maria Nafpliotou, playing the role of the high priestess, right, holds up the Olympic flame Thursday in the temple of Hera in Ancient Olympia, Greece. The Olympic flame will travel to Canada on Oct. 30 then do a crosscountry tour before the Vancouver Olympics start in Feb. 2010.



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Curling and the golden promise

Field of Play

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At the home Olympics Canada will battle an inferiority complex. It is the only country to have hosted the Games (Montreal 1976 and Calgary 1988), and not win a gold medal inside its borders.

It's a glaring blemish on an otherwise illustrious Olympic history.

Vancouver/Whistler and the 2010 Games promise to end the pain. Yet even as the flame begins its journey from Olympia to Canadian shores, nothing is a lock. Certainly not hockey gold, and in the individual sports anything can happen.

That leaves curling, men's and women's, and at least one gold medal that many Canadians have come to count on.

"My generation of curlers is the first that grew up with the Olympics being the No. 1 goal," says Brad Gushue, who won 2006

gold in Torino for Canada. "You know for sure that Canadian fans expect a gold medal in curling."

Gushue's foursome and 13 other men's teams are in Mississauga this weekend at the Grey Power World Cup of Curling. The most talented lineup yet assembled includes seven European rinks, one each from China and the United States, all to appear at the Olympics in February. The five Canadian teams are the cream of the crop, but only one will have the chance to compete in Vancouver after winning an arduous trial process that essentially begins now.

"I relish that chance," says 2007 world champion Glenn Howard from Ontario's Georgian Bay region.

"The whole planet will be watching. I can't think of anything



Brad Gushue

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

more that I want in my life than to win a gold medal for my country."

It's a lot of pressure to bear.

Curling is, after all, a sport close to the heart in Canada with millions of passionate fans. But it's also a sport whose homeland is Scotland.

"Canada expects a gold medal, yes — but to us that's a huge challenge," warns reigning world champion David Murdoch of Lockerbie, Scotland, who will represent Great Britain. "A big crowd in Vancouver totally against us will inspire us to be even better."

It is the podium finish that could end the drought. Curling holds that much promise at the upcoming home Olympics.

Then again, in a sport where the playing field is rapidly becoming more level, not even curling can make a golden promise to Canadians this time.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Sports in brief

INVESTIGATION Tennis authorities are looking into a WTA Tour match involving U.S. Open finalist Caroline Wozniacki that apparently sparked bettors to pile money on her opponent when she was on the verge of losing in straight sets. Wozniacki, a 19-year-old Dane ranked sixth in the world, retired from the first-round match at the Luxembourg

Open with a hamstring injury on Wednesday while leading Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-5, 5-0. **SOCCER** Diego Maradona won't apologize for a profanity-filled tirade on live TV, which is being investigated by FIFA and could land the Argentina coach a five-game suspension and a fine of almost \$20,000 US. **BLACKOUT** The Oakland

Raiders' home game against the New York Jets on Sunday will be blacked out locally because the team did not sell out the game in time.

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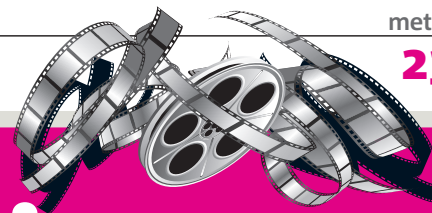


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Boy, what a bummer

Astro Boy

Director: David Bowers

Stars: Nicolas Cage, Kristen Bell

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In Canada, we may never have been able to fully appreciate the lore that is Astro Boy.

Sure, the character has been around for generations and been credited as the genesis of anime, but here in the Great White North, I don't recall the omnipresence of that little robot anymore than say, Hammy Hamster.

Still one cannot discount Osamu Tezuka's influential creation and the overdue splash on to the big-screen that should defi-

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nately excite a few fanboys.

For those uneducated in the ways of Astro Boy, his story is thus: When the son of accomplished scientist Dr. Tenma (Nicolas Cage) is tragically killed, he constructs a robot in the child's image. Although he gave the android incredible powers, Tenma casts the unfulfilling surrogate away to Earth — now a trash heap a la Wall-E.

There, Astro Boy befriends a group of stray ghettoized children while being chased by the oppressive government for his special "blue" energy powers. This all, of course,



The Hollywood version of Japanese animator Osamu Tezuka's influential creation Astro Boy is playing in theatres.

represent more sophisticated allegories than the intended younger demographic of the film can likely understand — which does cause one to question, who is this movie for?

While Astro Boy has its cult following (which dates back to the 1950s), this movie is surely designed for children.

As such, it's colorful, playful and the kiddies will

giggle with glee but it's not necessarily for Astro Boy fans.

While striving for heady themes may give pause to some diehards, the overly common story will supply

slumber to most adults sitting in the cinema. As for me, I'm afraid that after seeing Astro Boy, the phenomenon still has no more prestige than a talented hamster.



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Amelia grounded by narrative

Amelia

Director: Mira Nair

Stars: Richard Gere, Hilary Swank

Classification: PG

Rating: ●●●½

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It should be easy to make an exciting movie about Amelia Earhart, the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic who mysteriously disappeared during the tail end of an attempted round-the-world flight.

It's all there: the excitement and risk or early aviation, breaking down gender barriers, the glamour and adventure of being a famous aviatrix. But apparently the folks behind Amelia aren't up to the challenge. What they offer instead is a long, boring slog toward an ending everyone already knows, with little narrative thrust or sense of adventure.

The movie is pretty, to be sure, with rich cinematography, gorgeous costumes and period details and absolutely thrilling flight sequences. The problem is that as soon as a human being comes on screen, the air goes out of it. To see Hilary Swank, Richard Gere and Ewan McGregor with



Hilary Swank stars in Amelia, which was shot in Halifax.

so little charisma is a shame, with Swank particularly disappointing.

Given the character's groundbreaking history, her Amelia is incredibly passive, marvelling wide-eyed as Gere's George Putnam makes her decisions for her for the first half of the film.

Amelia is lopsided from the get-go, with an inordinate amount of time spent on Earhart's first transatlantic trip — a publicity stunt during which she was a passenger. By the time we get to her actual

solo flight, it seems like an afterthought.

Most of the exciting achievements in Earhart's life are covered with clumsy, trite newsreel footage and spiralling newspaper front pages.

There is nothing in this movie to suggest that it was made in 2009, let alone that it was directed by Mira Nair, who has shown such flair and originality in earlier films. This one never really takes off.

• For Amelia photos, trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Davis on a roll

Somebody give Viola Davis' agent a raise. The actress has signed on not one, but two dotted lines, joining It's Kind Of A Funny Story as well as David Schwimmer's sophomore directorial effort, Trust. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Saw VI: Back to torture chamber

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada



Much like death and taxes, the annual appearance of yet another movie in the incredibly popular Saw series is inevitable.

The sixth entry in the franchise opens today but

Movie feature

the blood spattered Saw legacy first hacked into the collective pop culture consciousness back in 2004 with James Wan and Leigh Whannell's original film — a grim, deadly serious psycho thriller about a serial killer named Jigsaw (Tobin

Bell) who dispatches his victims with diabolical traps.

Saw VI is helmed by long time series editor Kevin Greutert. His aim with Saw VI is to return to the wince inducing levels of gore that have made the series such a success ... and then surpass them.

"There is a bigger cast this time, and yes, a bigger, bloodier body count," he says. "I can't give you the exact number of deaths, because then people will count them down and be like, 'Oh man, only one more guy to die!'"

The film follows the further of adventures of Jig-

saw's disciple Hoffman (Costas Mandylor), who has taken over the murderous reigns with delight.

But one thing that is common knowledge is that — despite his being killed off in Saw III — Bell's Jigsaw once again looms large, thanks to an endless spate of flashbacks.

"A Saw film must have Tobin, that's it," says Greutert. "His face is and will forever be, associated with the series and he has tremendous pull with the producers."

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Reel Time

★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

3-D Hollywood's new moneymaker

Fans scrambled to see 3-D movies such as *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* in theatres this year and new 3-D televisions could soon have home viewers feeling as if they're surrounded by a spaghetti hurricane on their couches.

Next year major electronics manufacturers Sony Corp. and Panasonic Corp. plan to introduce 3-D-capable high-definition televisions for the mass market. You'll still need to wear

special glasses, though.

Movie studios hope 3-D can help lift the sagging home video market the same way it has pushed up box office results.

The initial price of such sets is expected to be high — perhaps 20 per cent more than normal sets of the same size. But costs should come down in the coming years.

Depending on prices, 3-D-ready TVs could be in 28 million to 46 million

homes worldwide by 2013, predicts Alfred Poor, an analyst with GigaOM Pro. He estimates that next year, as many as 2.5 million sets worldwide will be sold with 3-D capability.

"We're raising a whole generation of kids who expect to see this effect for their movies at home," Poor said. "I think people want 3-D. I just don't think they're going to want to pay a whole lot more for it."

To avoid the need for spe-

cial screens, some manufacturers of TV sets are shunning the 3-D technology common in theatres in favour of what's known as "active shutter." That uses an infrared emitter on the TV to tell battery-powered glasses when to flicker the left and right lenses in conjunction with the images on the screen, which gives the perception of three dimensions.

The sets themselves will require relatively minor upgrades from today's models, but the glasses will cost more, raising the price of the overall package.

There's no question 3-D movies are popular.

They generated more than US\$1 billion at box offices worldwide this year and, on a per-screen basis, 3-D showings typically bring in more than double the revenue of regular screenings when a movie is offered in both versions.



People flocked to see 3-D movies, such as *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, this year.

For hits like Disney/Pixar's *Up* and 20th Century Fox's *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs*, more than half of ticket revenues came from 3-D screens, despite accounting for far fewer showings, according to research firm Screen Digest. Those screenings tend to fill up, and moviegoers are willing

to pay a few dollars extra per ticket.

Making these 3-D movies hasn't been cheap and so far there hasn't been an adequate way to recoup those higher costs in the home video market, which brings in far more dollars to studios than the theatrical release.

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Meryl Streep no Julia Child

Meryl Streep may have starred as chef-legend Julia Child in *Julie & Julia* but in real life she is nothing more than an OK cook. "I cook OK. I cook every night, so every night is not great," Streep said Thursday at the Rome Film Festival. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**Reel Time**

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Brothers Coen back in form

A Serious Man

Directors: Ethan Coen, Joel Coen

Stars: Michael Stuhlbarg

Classification: STC

Rating: ****

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There were a lot of mixed reviews about last year's *Burn After Reading* but there should be no doubt that the Oscar-winning Coen brothers have returned to form with *A Serious Man*.

More in line with the sibling auteurs' earlier works such as *Fargo* or even Barton Fink, the quirky comedy focuses on a meek Jewish physics professor named Larry Gopnick (Michael Stuhlbarg) whose perfect late-'60s suburban life suddenly and inexplicably turns against him: His wife wants a divorce, his children no longer respect him, the sexy neighbour torments him by sunbathing nude and he's being blackmailed at work while his tenure is in jeopardy and that's just

the beginning.

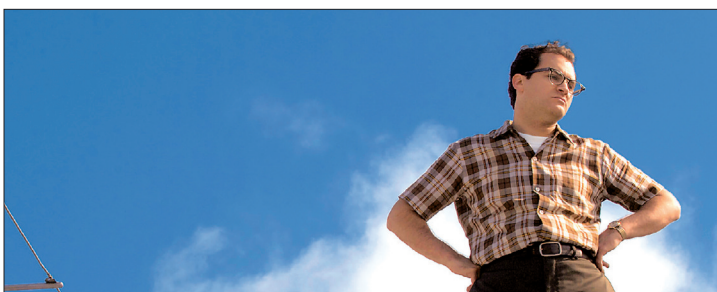
Needless to say, Gopnick finds his life spiraling into a spiritual abyss, leaving him to turn to the advice of three hapless rabbis with the hopes that they can solve his crisis and explain how to become "a serious man".

If that sounds somewhat philosophical, that's because the Coen brothers question notions of faith and meaning in what they've described as their "most personal work yet."

As with most of their films, their rich, surreal characters often have more bubbling under the surface than what first appears allowing them a mystery to escape farce and elicit deep contemplation.

Ditching big stars in favour of lesser-known Yiddish thespians certainly gives the superb comedy an added authenticity but Stuhlbarg steals the film playing a man who maintains a brash optimism even amidst his darkest hour.

A Serious Man is seriously fine filmmaking.



Mark Stuhlbarg plays the lead in *A Serious Man*, dubbed the Coens' "most personal film yet."



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Nielsen has last laugh

FEATURE Canadian funnyman Leslie Nielsen is only a few months shy of his 83 birthday, but still loves making a fool of himself on camera.

Known primarily for his work with co-writers/directors Jim Abrahams, David Zucker and Jerry Zucker in *Airplane* and the *Naked Gun* movies, Nielsen has become a comedy icon for an entire generation.

But that wasn't always the case. For the first half of his career, Nielsen was exclusively known for his dramatic work on film and television. "I've done comedy all of my life," Nielsen told Metro. "It was just that people saw me in a certain light and wanted me to play more conservative roles for years."

That all changed when Abrahams and the Zuckers cast Nielsen in the 1980 comedy classic *Airplane*. "They picked me to play the doctor in *Airplane* even though I hadn't really done comedy. The studio wanted somebody else and didn't think that I could do it, but they decided that I was a funny guy and fought for me to play the role," said Nielsen.

"It turned out that I really enjoyed doing comedy, but also doing comedy the way they do it."

His latest project is *Stan Helsing* a parody of horror films. He appears in drag in a small role as a waitress and enjoyed his experience working on the film, even if it was a little more haphazard than he is used to.

"These low budget films today get made pretty fast," said Nielsen. "Sometimes you just get one shot at the scene and even if you don't get it right, you're moving on to the next scene."

Stan Helsing fits comfortably into the string of parody films Nielsen has appeared in since the '80s and he has no intention of abandoning this style of comedy any time soon.

"There are genres laying all over the ground just waiting to be parodied."

On DVD

• *Stan Helsing* will be available on DVD Tuesday.

Amelia Earhart taking flight again on film

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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What do Coco Chanel, Queen Victoria and aviatrix Amelia Earhart have in common? All are women,

made headlines and smashed barriers, becoming feminist icons in the process.

They are also all being given the big screen treatment this year in big Oscar bait movies. *Coco Avant Chanel* is in theatres, *The Young Victoria* comes out in December and this weekend Hilary Swank plays Earhart in *Amelia*.

None are strangers to posthumous celebrity; Victoria has been portrayed on screen almost 100 times by everyone ranging from

Glenda Jackson to Michael Palin, but Earhart, a pioneering female pilot who disappeared over the Pacific during a circumnavigational flight of the globe attempt in 1937, has enjoyed a particularly good pop culture run of late.

Last year Amy Adams made her flesh and blood in *Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian*.

Academy Award winner Swank's take on the character is the eighth time Earhart has been immor-

talized on screen, not counting Jane Lynch's portrayal of her in *The Aviator* which ended up on the cutting room floor, but she isn't the first Oscar winner to play the fly queen.

In *Flight for Freedom*, honorary Oscar holder Rosalind Russell played Tonie Carter, a character based on Earhart.

The film and Russell's flamboyant performance popularized the unsubstantiated notion that Earhart's disappearance was a result of clandestine

work for the U.S. Navy.

That theory was furthered by a TV movie (subsequently released as a theatrical feature) called *Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight*. Starring Oscar winner Diane Keaton, the movie suggested the doomed flight was financed by the navy in exchange for her reports of suspicious Japanese activity in the South Pacific.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrcrouse33@hotmail.com.



Amy Adams played Amelia Earhart in the recently released *Night at the Museum 2: Battle of the Smithsonian*.



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It appears Gerard Butler has abandoned romantic comedies in order to accept a role from England's greatest playwright. Yes, Butler is taking a role in William Shakespeare's *Coriolanus* alongside Ralph Fiennes and William Hurt. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Butler goes for *The Bard*

Reel Time

***** A CLASSIC; **** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Little bite with some funny bits

The Vampire's Assistant

Director: Paul Weitz

Stars: John C. Reilly, Chris Massoglia, Josh Hutcherson

Classification: PG

Rating: ****

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



The Vampire's Assistant is not a great movie. In many ways it's a failure. The confusing plot condenses two separate novels and the screenplay is filled with cheesy moments.

However, the movie also has a good sense of humour about itself (unlike a

certain weepy teen vampire franchise) and features enough talented actors in the supporting cast to keep things entertaining. The film is hardly a masterpiece, but at least it's fun.

John C. Reilly stars as a disgruntled vampire (is there any other kind?) who lives with a bizarre travelling freak show called the Cirque Du Freak.

Two teens discover the show and sneak their way in, only to end up becoming vampires themselves.

There's also a backstory involving a massive inter-vampire war, but frankly that doesn't really matter.

The plot is confusing and vague. It's all set up for future entries in the franchise with several



John C. Reilly, right, plays a disgruntled vampire living with a travelling freak show in *The Vampire's Assistant*.

movies worth of material

crammed into the almost two hour running time. Fortunately, the film moves along at such a swift pace and features so many hilarious supporting roles that it's hard not to be entertained despite the confusion.

American Pie helmer Paul Weitz directs and while he tries a little too hard to make things visually interesting with a relentlessly moving camera, he does a good job keep-

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ing the convoluted story moving and the laughs coming.

Reilly doesn't quite manage the level of menace that his character should have, but he nails

the comedic aspects of the role well enough to make it work. For a comedy/horror film aimed at teens, *The Vampire's Assistant* is surprisingly good.

The script might meander and the teenage leads give the least interesting performances in the film, but there are certainly worse ways to kill a few hours (ahem, *Twilight*). Hardly a classic, but enjoyable nonetheless.

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Music

Her name in Lights

Juno-winning singer releases infectious debut *The Listening*

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Thanks to Jay-Z's song *Death of Autotune*, the obnoxious vocal effect is no longer in vogue. That poses a problem, however, for Toronto-singer Lights, who uses it on her new album.

"It's a great vocal effect if used tastefully, so why deny it?" she says. "I just use it in verses to try to convey emotion of being constricted and held very tight."

She admits, though, that artists like Kanye West and T-Pain have digitized their pipes too much. "It might have been a little excessive," she says. "If he can't sing without it, which we can't really tell, then maybe it's better that he used it."

Fortunately, she doesn't go nuts with sound — the musician, whose real name is Valerie Poxleitner, only uses it on the track *The Saviour*. Like most of the music on her debut full-length *The Listening*, the song is a soft electro synth pop number — think Kylie Minogue-meets-Nintendo. The songs move between the über-radio friendly title track, to the quirky indie tune *Drive My Soul*.

Either way her sound is different. It also took a while to fine tune. Al-



Lights (Valerie Poxleitner) won the Juno Award for best new artist earlier this year. Her full-length debut album is now out.

though she's only 22, Lights has been playing music for years, writing her first song in her early teens. She's played in a metal band, pretended to be Alicia Keys and wrote music best suited for, she says, "sad acoustic coffee houses."

Then, three years ago, she started listening to Bjork and euro electronica. When she went into the studio to record, she decided to try and play a track without any traditional instruments.

"I found random sounds and fluttery beats," she explains. "I realized there was no limit when you have synths. You can come up with any texture that will convey sound. You create it and make it happen."

There's no doubt her sound is accessible and infectious enough to court the American masses — Old Navy has already featured one of her songs — but it helps that Jian Ghomeshi — a former Canadian musician and current host of

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks."

Lights

CBC's Q — is her manager.

The singer connected with Ghomeshi by chance. When she was 15 she was in a Walmart ad holding a guitar. The makeup artist saw the photo and asked if she played. He then asked her to sing. "He was blown away and he called Jian who was coming to the area a few weeks later," she recalls. They met, she gave him a demo and he's worked with her ever since.

She might not need him for much longer though, with more than 165,000 MySpace friends, she's become an Internet sensation.

Fortunately, she likes connecting with her virtual fans. Though, she admits, communicating with her followers could become more difficult as she gets more popular.

"I always want to put something cool online — a new remix or b-side every couple of weeks," she says. "Maybe a day will come I won't be able to do that, but hopefully not."

Creed has finally come Full Circle

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Ten years ago, Creed was one of the biggest bands in North America, selling tens of mil-

lions of records and tens of thousands of concert tickets. But by Christmas 2002, everything had gone horribly pear-shaped. Zonked on a combination of prescription drugs and JD, singer Scott Stapp turned in a horrible performance in Chicago that resulted in four fans filing a class action lawsuit.

Mix in the Holier-than-thou attitude, the perceived hypocrisies (including a leaked sex tape), the car accident, the broken hip, the thoughts of suicide and the very public fights with other bands — including an actual brawl with members of 311 in a Baltimore hotel lobby — and you have the very definition of "downward spiral."

Things finally bottomed out for Stapp on Nov. 18, 2006, when his wife told him enough was enough. That date is now tattooed on his forearm as a reminder of how bad things got. Since then, he and the rest of Creed have

slowly plotted their rehabilitation, a test that begins in earnest Tuesday with the release of the band's fourth album, which is (hopefully?) entitled *Full Circle*.

Stapp sounds humbled, chastened and in search of a second chance. "In 2002, it was definitely time for us to take a break from what it had become in the last six to eight months. The time was very well spent, most importantly establishing a firm foundation with our families. And for me, my faith."

Stapp spent much of his time coaching football and basketball with his kids and supporting his wife, a Miss Florida and Miss America runner-up.

The other members of the band know what they're up against, too. Drummer Scott Phillips told the New York Times "Maybe we can get everyone thinking, 'You know, I don't hate Creed so much. I like them.'"

The new tracks are more muscular than With Arms Wide Open and those other singles that achieved popular acclaim and then critical scorn. And not just scorn — Creed was despised. Stapp now concedes that the band — and he in particular — deserved that.

"We're sorry for the ignorant, youthful chip we had on our shoulders back then. Ten years ago, we didn't realize we were carrying that in with us and it set off the wrong vibe. I hope we get a second change to make a first impression."

Creed's
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Knight is single

Former Grey's Anatomy star T.R. Knight is back on the market. The actor has split from his boyfriend of two years, Mark Cornelson. "It's amicable," a source tells People magazine. PEOPLE.COM



Fashion meets function

Amelia Earhart biopic highlights timeless aviation styles

Before they became staples of the runway, bomber jackets, flight suits and protective aviator sunglasses were born in the cockpit of an early — and cold — airplane.

They were necessary in drafty flying machines with metal doors that were a struggle just to keep closed. But as aviation pioneers such as Amelia Earhart brought their style around the world, they sparked fashion trends that have been with us ever since.

The leather bomber jacket shown in the new Earhart biopic *Amelia* starring Hilary Swank marries function and style in a way that finicky fashion has embraced through the years, says Franco DiCarlo, executive vice-president of Belstaff USA, the brand that collaborated with the filmmakers on key wardrobe pieces.

"A lot of the aviator jack-

ets are timeless in style and they perform under a great variety of weather. ... They say fashion is cyclical, but this is timeless," he says.

But when the styles landed in the 1920s and '30s, it was uncharted territory, allowing for a woman like Earhart to help craft the image and vocabulary of a flyer's style, says Amelia costume designer Kasia Walicka Maimone.

"The whole history of aviation was really being invented and part of that was inventing the new language," she says.

At first pilots borrowed silhouettes from horseback riders, race-car drivers and motorcyclists, later adapting jodhpurs, goggles and the zip-front leather jackets, among other items.

Early on, Earhart wore these things, too, but she had a lifelong interest in fashion, so many of the more stylish, more femi-

"A lot of the aviator jackets are timeless in style and they perform under a great variety of weather ... They say fashion is cyclical, but this is timeless."

Franco DiCarlo, Belstaff USA

nine adaptations came from her. At one point, she had her own clothing line — a second career to support her flying.

"She wore clothes with a natural ease and elegance," says Maimone. "I did love her evening gowns as much as I loved the flightwear. I loved the combination of the super practical flight clothing and the elegance of the eveningwear. I loved that it was one closet for the same person."

The movie's director, Mira Nair, says time, effort and money went into capturing the right visuals of Earhart's time. "We wanted to make the costumes

seems as modern as they were then. ... We didn't want it to look like a 'costume movie.' We wanted wearable, practical clothes with great style."

She was a fan of a white silk charmeuse tank top and winter-white trousers Swank wore, as well as an open-back, pewter-coloured gown. "So often I moved the camera to shoot the dress and the plane. The plane was horizontal, but I wanted to show off the full figure of Amelia because there's such enjoyment of her silhouette."

Nair adds, "If I had the figure, I'd wear the brown-leather catsuit thing she



Hilary Swank plays Amelia Earhart in the new biopic *Amelia*. Besides being an aviation pioneer, Earhart was known for her fashion styles, which influenced classic trends that still exist today.

wore." She'll still have her chance: slim jumpsuits in stores this past spring are back in designer collections for 2010.

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Jackson's feeling cozy on the Fringe

AMBER RAY
for Metro Canada



TELEVISION In his second year on the Fox sci-fi hit *Fringe*, Joshua Jackson is feeling pretty much at home. Of course, it doesn't hurt that the filming of the series has moved to Vancouver, the town where he grew up.

"I know where to eat, I know where to do my laundry, I know where to go see a movie ... there's nothing in the city that feels unfamiliar to me other than the fact that there are, like, 15 new buildings every time I go home," the 31-year-old jokes.

Set relocation and evolving skylines aside, there are even more changes for Jackson's character, troubled genius Peter Bishop, this season. After the revelation of an alternate universe at the end of Season 1, Peter and his team of "fringe" science investigators (including his "mad scientist" dad, Walter, and FBI agent Olivia Dunham, the Scully to Peter's Mulder) are spending this year trying to prevent an invasion from that strange parallel dimension.

"Season 2 so far has been about that thing that happens at the end of Season 1 — this, 'Oh my God! They're actually coming



Joshua Jackson stars on the Fox sci-fi hit *Fringe*.

from the other side and there is a war coming," Jackson says. "It is finally a call to duty for Peter. It is something that he believes in, which is not his natural way."

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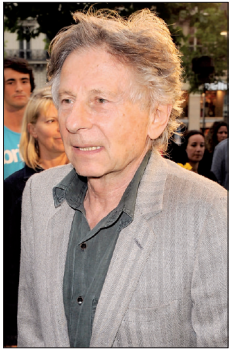


Do it daily.



The CW has picked up nine more episodes of The Vampire Diaries, for a total of 22. Despite Melrose Place's lagging ratings, the network also announced an additional five. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Entertainment



American prosecutors were closely watching Roman Polanski, says new evidence.

U.S. was monitoring Polanski

Officials decided against filing for arrest warrant, reveal email documents

American prosecutors closely monitored Roman Polanski in Austria and considered seeking his arrest there days before the director's apprehension in Switzerland, documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Los Angeles officials decided against filing a warrant for Polanski's arrest with

the Austrian government after questioning how accommodating it would be to an extradition request. They also were concerned about the limited time available before Polanski left the country, according to emails obtained by the AP under U.S. public records request. The email exchange Sept. 23 came three days before

Polanski travelled to Switzerland and was arrested Sept. 26 at Zurich's airport. It sheds new light on how closely U.S. officials were monitoring the 76-year-old director's movements after being tipped off that he was outside France, and why they chose to go after him in Switzerland, where they are now seeking

his extradition for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl.

"I don't have experience with any Austrian extraditions so I don't know how 'friendly' they would be to extradition on such a case," Diana Carbajal, a Los Angeles deputy district attorney, wrote in an email.

She wrote that Polanski

had checked out of an Austrian hotel that morning and was "on the move" ahead of his scheduled appearance at the Zurich Film Festival on Sept. 26.

Polanski had been in Austria as early as Sept. 16, when he attended the opening night of his cult musical Dance of the Vampires in Vienna.

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FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Supernanny (N)	Ugly Betty (HDTV) (N)	20/20		
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)		Law & Order: "Dignity"	Law & Order: SVU	Comedy Now		
11	11	11	CBC	Wheel-For-Tune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Rick Mercer	CBC News: the fifth estate	CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour (N)		
32	32	32	CBS	WBZ News (N)	Evening News	Patriots All Access		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium "Baby Fever"	NUMB3RS (N)		
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Guard		NUMB3RS "Hydra" (N)	Dollhouse "Belonging"	News Final (N)		
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Flashpoint (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)	Medium "Baby Fever"	CTV News		
36	36	36	FOX	Seinfeld	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Brothers	"Til Death (N)	Fox First		
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Law & Order: "Dignity"	Dateline NBC (N)	Jay Leno		
55	55	55	SCOR	Morency	Covers	Poker Asian Pacific Tour		WWE SmackDown!		MMA Night		
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats	at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)			CFL Football		
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal		
70	70	70	APTN	APTN News	Investigates	Fish Out of	Blessings	Cashing In	Rabbit Fall	Patriot Games *** (1992, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Wind at My Back		Achieving the Unachievable		Bravo! Fact	Cover Stories	And Now for Something Different		
49	49	49	COM	Just for Laughs		Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	The Simpsons South Park	Comedy Now	
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)	Cooper 360	
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Junk Raiders		Man vs. Wild "Arctic Circle"	Machines	
48	48	48	HGTV	Extreme Makeover: Home		House	Property	House	Green Homes	Relocation, Relocation	House	
46	46	46	HIST	Go Deep "Ports"		Battles BC		Cold Blood (N)		History's Secrets	Underworld	
17	17	17	MM	Love Court	My Date	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		The Vampire Diaries		American Pie 2 *** (2001, Comedy)		
206	206	206	PIX	Hatley High	Books-Film	(8:15) Johnny Mnemonic * (1995, Science Fiction)		Jeepers Creepers ** (2001, Horror)				
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	
40	40	40	SLICE	Vanity Insanity		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	
21	21	21	TLC	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	
22	22	22	W	House-Sell	Style by Jury	Old Christine	Friends	Medium (Part 1 of 2)		Ghost *** (1990, Fantasy), Demi Moore		
27	27	27	YTV	iCarly	To Be Indie	The Addams Family ** (1991, Comedy), Raul Julia		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	That's-Weird	

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	College Football		NewsCenter 5	Inside Edition	College Football Regional Coverage. (HDTV) (Live)				
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to (DVS)		Team for Peace	(DVS)	White Noise * (2005, Suspense), Chandra West (DVS)				Whistler
11	11	11	CBC	National	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators. (HDTV) (Live)		Three Rivers (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		NHL Hockey
32	32	32	CBS	College Football	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-For-Tune	Jeopardy!	How I Married My High School Crush (2007, Romance)		48 Hr. Mystery		News Final (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	renegade	Jane Show	Project Runway Canada		Three Rivers (HDTV)		Criminal Minds		CTV News
9	9	9	CJCH	W5 ATN safety. (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Cops (N)	Cops (N)	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Mercy (HDTV)		Trauma "Stuck" (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
12	12	12	NBC	College Football		Access Hollywood (N)		Horse Racing Breeders' Crown x8. (Live)				
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		SportsCentre		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCentre
53	53	53	TSN	(6:30) CFL Football BC Lions at Saskatchewan Roughriders.		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami "Nailed"		MTV	Aboriginal Day	Music Speaks	First Nation	Clear and Present Danger (1994, Suspense)		
70	70	70	APTN	Over the Boils	The Mix	Spectacle: Elvis		Star Portraits	Books-Film	Monty Python: Almost the Truth		Steven Wright
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	Corner Gas	Its a Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	Newsroom
49	49	49	COM	VIP	Set Your Ass	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	CNN Presents "Latino in America"				Loggers
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Junk Raiders		Makeover
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Handyman Superstar		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Property		
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		Ultimate Engineering		Cities of the Underworld		The Hunted ** (2003, Action)		
46	46	46	HIST	Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	American Pie 2 *** (2001, Comedy), Jason Biggs.		Resident Evil: Apocalypse ** (2004)				
17	17	17	MM	The Vampire Diaries		(8:10) Peggy Sue Got Married *** (1986)		Lethal Obsession (2007, Suspense)		Kellie Martin.		Disturbia
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) War of the Worlds		The Guard "Wake"		Real Housewives of Jersey		Real Housewives NYC		Runway
39	39	39	SHOW	Disturbia	About a Girl	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline Myst.
40	40	40	SLICE	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Romance-Comedy Meryl Streep, Uma Thurman.		The Devil Wears Prada (2006, Comedy)				
21	21	21	TLC	Death-Heir	Prime ** (2005, Fantasy) Judy Garland, Ray Bolger.			Smallville "Identity"				Survive This
22	22	22	W	Flintstones Meet Rockula		Charlie Brown	Garfield	Funnest Home Videos				
27	27	27	YTV									

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HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News Center	ABC News	Funnest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		Brothers
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		America's Next Top Model		Alien vs. Predator ** (2004, Science Fiction)				Spectacle
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Battle of the Blades (N)		The Nature of Things		CBC News: The National (N)		fifth estate
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	WBZ News (N)	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 15		Three Rivers (HDTV) (N)		Cold Case (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	Prod. Parker	Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News Final (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	So You Think You Can Dance Canada (Season Finale)		The Amazing Race 15		Desperate Housewives				CTV News
36	36	36	FOX	NFL Football: Falcons at Cowboys		The OT		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim at New York Yankees.				
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at New York Giants.				
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) NFL Blitz		The WWE Experience		MMA Fight Night				Poker
53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre		Football Night in America		(9:15) NFL Football Arizona Cardinals at New York Giants.				
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
70	70	70	APTN	Investigates	APTN InFocus	Aboriginal Day	The Mix	Arbor Live		The Fugitive *** (1993, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	The Musical Brain		Monty Python: Almost the Truth		
49	49	49	COM	VIP	Set Your Ass	Laughs	Laughs	Comedy Now	Comedy Now	The Simpsons	South Park	Tosh.0
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Newsroom		CNN Presents		Changed Flying		Newsroom
38	38	38	DISC	Canada's Worst Driver		Canada's Worst Driver		That Halloween House		Real Homes: Real Scary		MythBusters
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes Inspection		Extreme Halloween		Cities of the Underworld		From Hell ** (2001, Suspense)		Renovation
46	46	46	HIST	Ancient Discoveries		Ice Road Truckers		American Pie Presents: Band Camp		(2005, Comedy)		
17	17	17	MM	American Pie Presents: The Naked		Without Limits *** (1998, Biography) Billy Crudup.		Second Sight (2007, Drama) Leila Dolg, Ty Olsson.				Weeds
206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) American Buffalo		ReGenesis "Blackout"		Tim Gunn's Guide to Style		Tori & Dean: Home		Re-Vamped
39	39	39	SHOW	NCIS (HDTV)		My Wardrobe	My Wardrobe	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss
40	40	40	SLICE	X-Weighted		Cake Boss	Cake Boss	The Dead Will Tell *** (2004, Suspense) Anne Heche.				Good Witch
21	21	21	TLC	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Younger		H2O, Just Add		In Real Life		Survive This
22	22	22	W	Devil-Prada	Hwd 10 Best							
27	27	27	YTV	The Wizard of Oz **** (1939, Fantasy) Judy Garland, Ray Bolger.								

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McCartney tour starts in Hamburg

MUSIC Paul McCartney will return to Hamburg, where The Beatles honed their craft, to launch his first European tour in five years.

McCartney announced Thursday he will play the German city on Dec. 2 to kick off the Good Evening Europe tour.

The former Beatle also plans shows in Berlin, the Dutch city of Arnhem, Paris, Cologne and Dublin. The seven-date tour ends at London's O2 Arena on Dec. 22. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In brief

PEOPLE One of the world's most respected authors, Canadian Alice Munro, has revealed she's had a recent fight with cancer. Munro alluded to her health Wednesday night at a sold-out literary event in Toronto. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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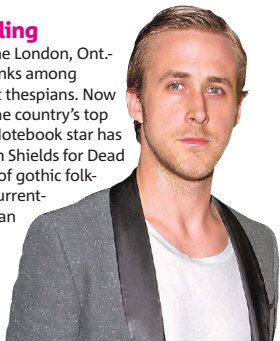
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Smallville actor arrested

Smallville actor Sam Jones III was arrested Wednesday on federal drug charges according to TV Guide. He was charged with conspiring and planning to deal about 10,000 tablets of oxycodone. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out**Metro's 7th Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Ryan Gosling**

CELEBRITY The London, Ont.-born actor ranks among Canada's best thespians. Now he wants to be one of the country's top musicians as well. The Notebook star has hooked up with pal Zach Shields for Dead Man's Bones, an album of gothic folk-rock tunes. The duo is currently playing North American dates.

**2 Astro Boy**

FILM Yes, the father of all anime is a little crime-fighting kid robot. And, starting today, he'll be at a theatre near you. Based on Osamu Tezuka's original 1952 series, the Hollywood 3-D version features Freddie Highmore (of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory fame) as the voice of the titular character.

3 There Is No Enemy: Built to Spill

MUSIC This Boise, Idaho-based band hit their stride in the '90s but their latest album ranks with their best efforts. Ringleader Doug Martsch's template — gorgeous guitar work over equally beautiful melodies — may be tried and tested, but the end result is some of the most heart-wrenching sounds you'll hear this year. Album highlights: Good 'Ol Boredom and Hindsight.

**4 SuperFreakonomics**

BOOK Some neat questions: What does a hooker and a department store Santa Claus have in common? Can eating kangaroo meat save the planet? Economist Steven Levitt and journalist Stephen Dubner have the answers in the "freakuel" to their bestseller Freakonomics.

**5 App of the Day**

TECH Let's face it — there's plenty of junk in the App Store. That's where this neat little software comes in. App of the Day highlights a different application every day for iPhone or iPod Touch users to discover high quality products in the App Store. Best of all, it's not just some tech geek's word above all. The featured applications are chosen through a careful nomination process driven by users.

6 A Day At The Office

VIDEO Tough economic times equals less spare time at work? Wrong. If the employees on this viral video are to be believed, no deadline is bigger than lip-synching to the Backstreet Boys' I Want It That Way and recording the results on your office desktop. Where's a supervisor when you need one? Watch the video at youtube.com/watch?v=XWhUeAy35qc.

7 Dead Snow

DVD It's been a good year for camp horror. Sam Raimi vowed with Drag Me To Hell. And now comes this Norwegian gore fest with creatures everyone will love to hate — Nazi zombies. The plot's no killer — some medical students go to a cabin ... you know how it goes.

**Mix of Six****Halifax Pop Explosion**

When: Through Saturday
Where: Various venues across Halifax

Indie music aficionados are descending on Halifax for the 17th year for the event, which has become a fixture on the Canadian music calendar. See halifaxpopexplosion.com.

QMJHL

When: Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
The Halifax Mooseheads are hosting the Saint John Sea Dogs in what is titled Rink in the Rink to support breast cancer research.

Live Art Dance

When: Sat. and Sun., 2 p.m.
Where: Meinertzhagen Theatre, Halifax Grammar School
Old Thomas and the Little Fairy takes an optimistic look at the cycles of life, and introduces children to two charming characters who take care of each other, bringing out the best in the other.

Atlantic football

When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Huskies Stadium
It doesn't get much bigger than this. First place is on the line as the Saint Mary's Huskies host the St. Francis Xavier X-Men in a battle of 5-1 teams.

Just for Laughs

When: Sat., 7 and 9:30 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

It should be non-stop laughs as an all-star lineup of comics will be in Halifax for the shows including Danny Bhoj, Pete Correale, Godfrey and Steve Patterson. Tickets are \$39.50.

Horror Night Trivia

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: The Frigate
Presented by Grim Undertakings, this event features three rounds of trivia with all proceeds going to benefit the United Way of Halifax Region. There is a suggested \$4 donation at the door.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

In brief

MICHAEL JACKSON A 12-minute clip of the new Michael Jackson movie This Is It shows a strong-voiced King of Pop enthusiastically practising some of his biggest hits. Jackson is shown warming up his vocals during a performance of Human Nature. That's followed by Jackson running through the song in vari-

ous outfits. Later, he playfully dances with a woman as he sings The Way You Make Me Feel, touching her thigh and holding her waist. **TWILIGHT** The vampire clan starring in the highly anticipated second installment of the Twilight series are expected to be greeted by a crowd of fans

at the Rome Film Festival, where scenes from The Twilight Saga: New Moon are being screened ahead of the official release next month. Scenes from the modern-day love story between a schoolgirl and a vampire are screening in Rome on Thursday.

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Corinne Bailey Rae is set to sail on a new journey in her career with the release of her new album *The Sea* on Feb. 2. The singer, 30, whose husband Jason was found dead in March 2008, has spoken of how she has channelled her grief into the CD. **PEOPLE.COM**

New Album, The Sea

Entertainment

Stone does it her way

When Joss Stone has a musical itch, she has to scratch, even if it means getting into trouble with her label.

The powerhouse British soul singer says her new album, *Colour Me Free*, came out Tuesday after months of delays because her U.S. label, EMI, was upset that she had recorded the tracks on a whim without telling them.

"Oh God, that wasn't very good," Stone said in a recent phone interview. "They didn't love that too much."

It was about two years ago, after the release of her self-titled third album, that the 22-year-old Grammy and Brit Award winner got the urge to hit the stu-

10 million sold

• Since her debut album was released in 2003, Joss Stone has sold almost 10 million albums worldwide.

SOURCE: JOSS STONE ONLINE

dio and jam again.

"I just woke up and was like: 'Man, I really want to make an album,'" said Stone, who has performed on stage with scores of legends including James Brown and Donna Summer.

"It was just a really nice day and I was feeling really energized and it was just cool and my (musical) friends were down, because we were writing.

"I thought: 'Hey, you guys are here, let's do it. Let's make the music.'"

And so they did, using a Wellington, England night club that was owned by her mother at the time as their studio, where they recorded live off the floor in about a week.

Problem was, EMI didn't know about it and when Stone told them, "The initial reaction was: 'Hang on a minute, you're supposed to ask us for approval on every single section of everything that you do, are you crazy?'" she recalled.

"So I said: 'Oh, whoops, so sorry, my bad,' and it really was. I didn't ask for approval, I didn't tell them I was making the al-

bum.

The idea of someone trying to control her art was a "horrible feeling and makes you not want to do it at all," admitted Stone, whose vocals often draw comparisons to Aretha Franklin. "But then from a business side of things, I kind of get it," she said. "They feel like that's their property and they want to control how the property looks and how it works."

In the end, the two sides worked things out and the tunes weren't changed. With the label woes behind her, Stone has a positive outlook on the situation, saying she likes to "scare" herself into getting things done.


"It actually helps me,"



Soul singer Joss Stone says she needs to feel a "massive amount of pressure" in order to get things done.


she said. "I feel the need to do it with a massive amount of pressure and unless I have that pressure, I don't bother."

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Guilty plea could land Lil Wayne in prison

COURTS Lil Wayne, who owned last year's best-selling album and is currently No. 1 on the U.S. pop charts, pleaded guilty to attempted weapon possession Thursday and expects to receive a one-year jail sentence.

The performer, arguably rap's most popular artist and one of pop's biggest acts, previously had pleaded not guilty to illegal gun possession charges that carried at least 3 1/2 years in jail upon conviction. He remains free on bail while awaiting his February sentencing.

The sombre-looking rapper did not speak as he left the courthouse with members of his entourage, who piled into four SUVs.

Police said a gun was found on his tour bus in Manhattan in 2007.

The rapper, born Dwayne Carter, won last year's best rap solo performance Grammy for *A Milli*. His albums include *Tha Carter*, *Tha Carter II* and *Tha Carter III*.

His trial had been due to start Jan. 20. The judge had been holding a hearing on a debated DNA profiling technique used to tie the rapper to the gun.

Lil Wayne, 27, also is scheduled for trial in Arizona on felony drug possession and weapons charges. He has pleaded not guilty in that case, which arose from a January 2008 arrest at a U.S. Border Patrol checkpoint.

In New York, he politely answered the judge's standard questions with "yes,



Lil Wayne

"Sir" and "no, Sir" as he entered his plea to second-degree attempted weapon possession, a felony.

He acknowledged he had a .40 calibre semi-automatic loaded gun on his bus.

When the judge warned that he would not be able to withdraw the plea as some people try to do, the rapper said, "I'm not one of those people."

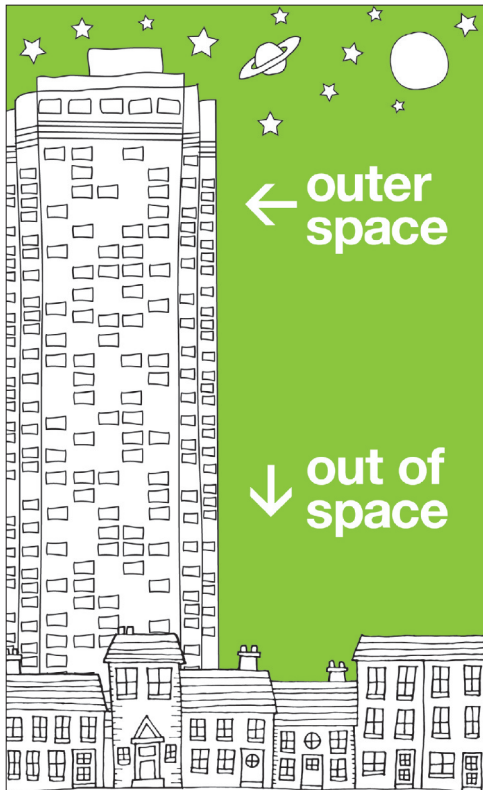
Prosecutors said small amounts of DNA found on the loaded weapon connected it to the platinum-selling artist. Defence lawyer Stacey Richman said the gun wasn't Lil Wayne's, and the testing technique was too problematic to prove otherwise.

Police pulled over Lil Wayne's tour bus in Columbus Circle on July 22, 2007. They said they had seen and smelled marijuana smoke wafting out the door before the bus left a concert venue minutes earlier.

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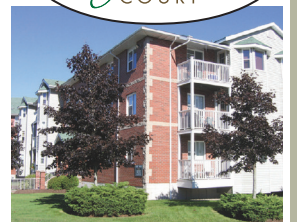
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Melissa Rycroft can cross one thing off her wedding "to do" list: She's picked out her wedding dress. She said it was "the very first dress I saw, the very first dress I tried on, and I love it," usmagazine.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Dad didn't buy boobs

AMY PAYS FOR HER OWN BODY PARTS Mitch Winehouse says daughter Amy Winehouse is doing well — or at least parts of her are.

When asked by ITV's This Morning how his famously troubled daughter is holding up, Mitch said, "Fantastic, fantastic. Her boobs are great as well."

Winehouse reportedly spent \$56,000 US on a breast augmentation surgery

though her dad doesn't know where she got the money.

"I didn't have to pay for it, that's all I know," he said. "Whenever I see her, she says, 'Dad can you give me a couple of hundred.' (But) I didn't have to pay for the boobs."

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Mistrial plot thickens

COURTS The Bahamas lawmaker who caused a mistrial in the John Travolta extortion case has been ordered to appear before the judge to explain why he announced an acquittal before the jury had declared a verdict, officials said yesterday.

Picewell Forbes was summoned to explain his remarks in a televised speech to a political party that prompted the judge to dismiss jurors after a month of testimony, two court officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue. Judge Anita Allen

said she had no choice but to order a new trial because Forbes' remarks Wednesday night gave the appearance that information had been leaked from the jury room.

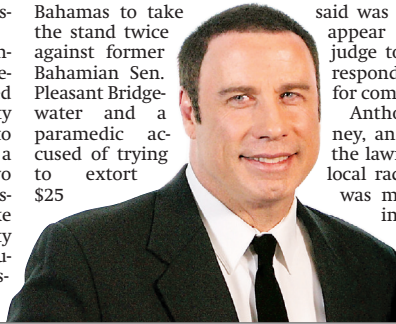
Travolta flew to the Bahamas to take the stand twice against former Bahamian Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater and a paramedic accused of trying to extort

million from him following his autistic son's death at the family home in Grand Bahama last January. Bridgewater resigned her Senate seat after she was charged.

Forbes, who the officials said was scheduled to appear before the judge today, did not respond to requests for comment.

Anthony McKinney, an attorney for the lawmaker, told a local radio his client was merely repeating a rumour.

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Boyfriend dishes on dating Carrie

SUITE TALK What's it like dating an American Idol? Ottawa Senators hockey star Mike Fisher says he and girlfriend Carrie Underwood "always find a way to make it work" despite their hectic schedules in a video interview with NHL Online, usmagazine.com reports.

"It's been good!" Fisher, 29, says. The hockey player and the country star, 26,

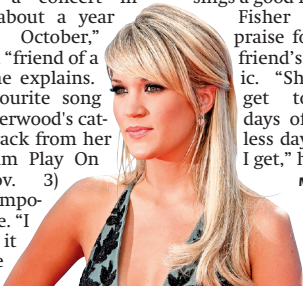
"met at a concert in Toronto about a year ago, in October," through a "friend of a friend," he explains.

His favourite song from Underwood's catalog? A track from her new album Play On (out Nov. 3) called Temporary Home. "I like it when she

sings a good rock song."

Fisher has high praise for his girlfriend's work ethic. "She doesn't get too many days off — a lot less days off than I get," he notes.

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Lindsay's belated bottles

NEVER TOO LATE TO CELEBRATE

Lindsay Lohan got quite a surprise while partying it up at New York club 10ak when a team of waiters approached her table hoisting champagne and sparklers and the DJ announced it was "23 bottles of Cristal for Lindsay Lohan's 23rd birthday," according to

Page Six.

Not that Lohan doesn't love a good party, but the celebration was misguided. "I don't know why they are doing this," she said. "My birthday is July 2nd."

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Will cleared up

DOCUMENT There seems to be some confusion over where Michael Jackson signed his 2002 will, since the document says he was in Los Angeles, but Randy Jackson says Michael was in New York that day, according to TMZ. Sources close to the situation claim that Michael was in fact in New York.

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Brown admits he regrets 'every moment'

A LOT TO LEARN Chris Brown is still learning from his mistakes, femalefirst.co.uk reports

The singer gave a candid interview on US radio, where he spoke about his regret at assaulting former girlfriend Rihanna in February, and told how he is trying his best to make amends.

He said: "I'm human. If people feel a certain way, I'm

not going to say they're wrong. But it's not right to judge somebody when people make mistakes all the time.

"I've learned from my mistakes and I'm learning from them. And I regret every moment, every second of it."

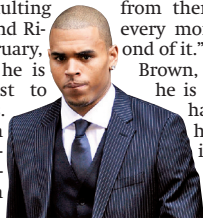
Brown, 20, also admitted he is still not over Rihanna, and still has strong feelings for her.

He added in an interview with

New York radio station Hot 97: "We've been friends since I was like 15, we got serious when I was like 17."

"Feelings are feelings and they don't go away overnight, especially if you sit down and are like, 'Look, I'm going to really be in this relationship with you, whatever the case, past our busy schedules, past us being two of the biggest artists.' I really care about her."

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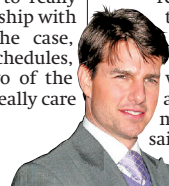


Cruise bites back

REBUTTAL Quotes from actor Bronson Pinchot saying that Tom Cruise made "constant unrelated homophobic comments" while the two worked together circulated this week. Cruise's rep

responded today, telling EW, "Obviously, this is so far removed from who Tom Cruise is as a person, this must have been said in jest."

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Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong has a tough time with his anti-doping blood test, something something, **Nicole Richie** leads a pretty exciting life, and **Kirstie Alley** has a plan to make herself more interesting.

• **@lancearmstrong** Glad to see USADA brought the rank amateurs to do the blood draw. Arms look like a junkie now and they didn't get their sample. Lame.

• **@nicolerichie** Going to spend my evening watching Melrose Place. Who's with me?

• **@kirstiealley** I am boring myself to death. It must be hell for all of you. I'm going to go slug myself in the liver until I'm more interesting...later..



Photog lawsuit settles with Brit

NO DETAILS Another court battle is done for Britney Spears, who settled a lawsuit with a photographer who claimed she ran over his foot in 2007. A notice of settlement was filed in L.A. earlier this week, according to People magazine, though the terms of the agreement were not released. The complaining photographer, Ricardo Mendoza, had originally sought more than \$200,000 from Spears.

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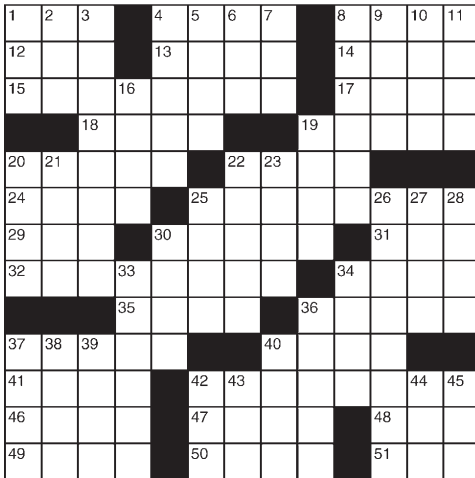
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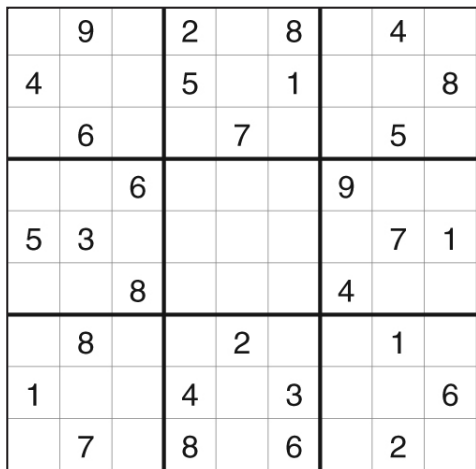
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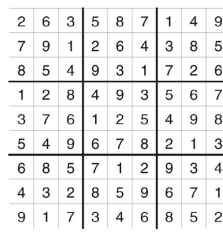
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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1/4 cup (50 ml) cider vinegar
6 garlic cloves, minced
2 tbsp (25 ml) minced fresh oregano or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried oregano
1 tbsp (15 ml) dried coriander
2 tsp (10 ml) pepper
1 tsp (5 l) salt
1 tsp (5 l) paprika
8 bone-in chicken breast halves
1/4 cup (50 ml) canola oil
METHOD:
1. In large resealable plastic bag, combine lime juice, vinegar, garlic and seasonings; add chicken.

Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.

2. Discard marinade. In skillet, brown chicken on all sides in oil. Transfer to greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. (38 cm x 25.5 cm x 2.5 cm) baking pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 F (190 C) 30-35 minutes or until meat thermometer reads 170 F (77 C) and juices run clear.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20

This is a time of personal and professional challenges and what you decide over the next few days will have consequences.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

The Sun moves into the area of your chart today that governs what you own. You need to think about consolidating what you have gained.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

With the Sun about to enter your opposite sign of Scorpio, a certain amount of resistance is to be expected in the weeks ahead.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

The Sun moves into your birth sign today and a busy new solar year begins. Don't worry if your energy levels are a bit low at the moment.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Find ways to make life easier for yourself. If you don't you could come under increasing pressure over the next few days as your workload increases.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You are not always as confident as you look and there are reasons to believe you have come close to cracking of late, but you are still in there fighting.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

The Sun moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making this one of the best times of the year to stretch yourself creatively.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

If you need help of any kind today just ask those around you. What you do with other people will go a lot better than what you do on your own.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You need to be more sensitive to loved ones' wishes. Try to understand why they think and feel and act the way they do.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Cosmic activity in and around the career area of your chart will do your reputation a power of good over the next few days.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

The pace of life is about to move up a gear. No doubt you are raring to get started on all those big ideas but pace yourself.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Your number one objective now must be to maintain the highest standards of behavior, both in your personal life and in your work.

This day in history

42 BC: Roman Republican civil wars: Second Battle of Philippi — Brutus's army is decisively defeated by Mark Antony and Octavian. Brutus commits suicide.

1694: American colonial forces, led by Sir William Phipps, fail to seize Quebec.

1850: The first National Women's Rights Convention is begun in Worcester, Massachusetts.

1867: Seventy-two Senators are summoned by Royal Proclamation to serve as the first members of the Canadian Senate.

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